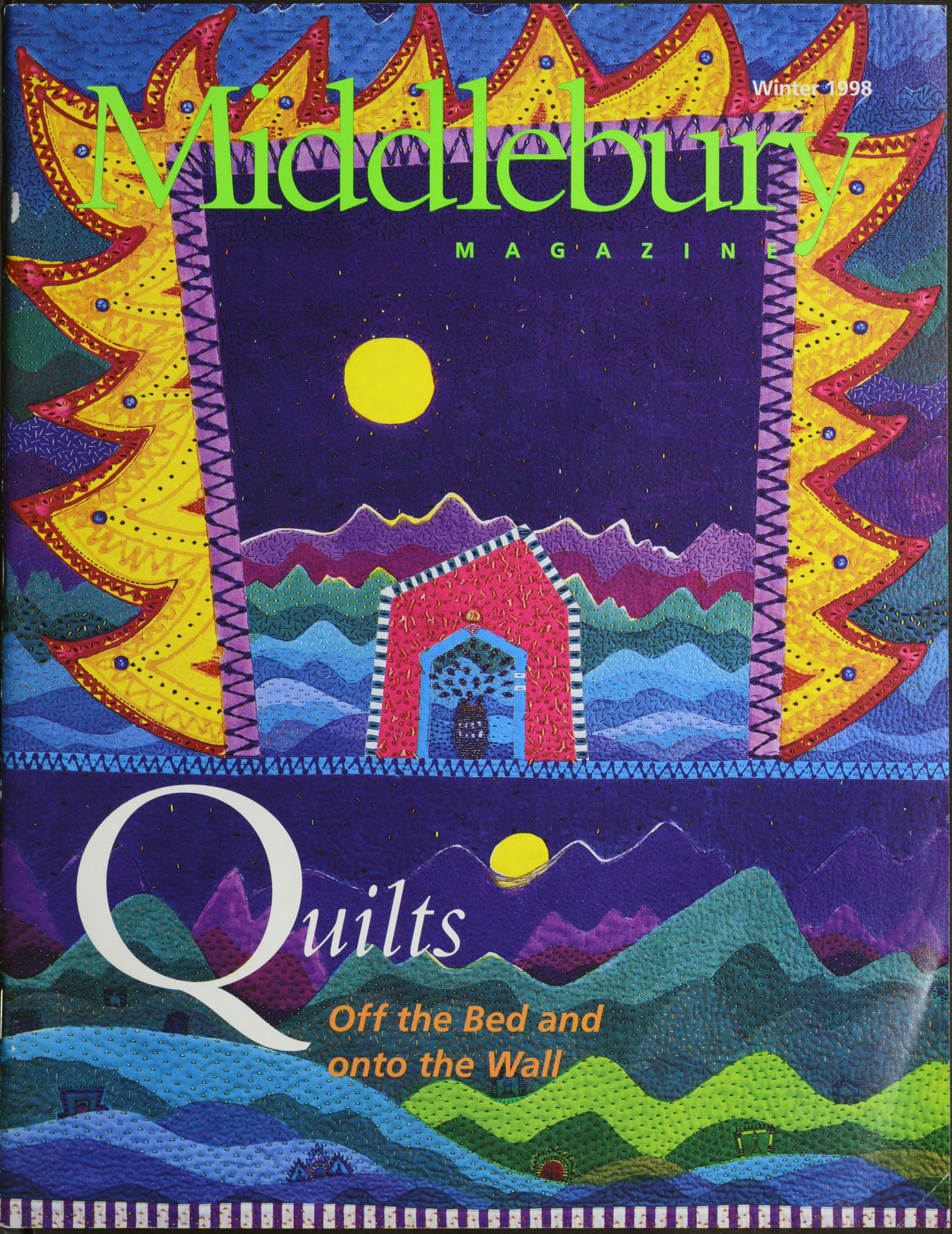
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CHEER BOYS CHEER!

The rivalry was deep and old. Sticks would be brandished. Steel would meet ice. When Norwich and Middlebury faced off for the 118th time on January 27th, this would be one for the history books. Coach Bill Beaney would mark his 300th win, and this would be the last Midd-Norwich competition to take place in Nelson Arena. Though Nelson has witnessed a lot of fine hockey teams, it is clear that Middlebury has outgrown this World War II-era converted airplane hangar. A new rink, already in construction, will offer a much-improved, much *warmer*, arena next season for the hockey players and the fans who avidly follow the team's every move.

Not that 11-year-old Sarah would care. With hockey earrings dangling from her ears and a tiny helmet hanging from her jacket zipper, this little hockey fanatic had one piece of advice for a reporter. *If you want to talk to the players, go over there after the game,* she instructed. *And you can e-mail them*, like she did, *because they are all really nice!* They not only answered her e-mail, but Curt Goldman presented her with a hockey stick autographed by the entire team, which she displayed reverently. Before she could say more, a buzzer sounded and she took off like a rabbit, sprinting under the bleachers for her spot at the gate to cheer the players as they erupted onto the ice.

Suddenly a profusion of pucks, which had been cooling in buckets of snow, were dumped onto the pristine ice. Panthers and Cadets scooped them up; pucks were passed, slapped, and slammed, until inevitably some burst above the meager plexiglass and netting that protected the crowd. Hands shot out in hopes of a neat catch; small boys swarmed until one came up victorious.

But lest a hockey neophyte think this was mainly an outing for children, hockey was played that night. The players collided and crashed against each other and the sides of the rink like so many pool balls, occasionally adhering in an impersonal embrace of stick, elbow, and skate. Students stood on aluminum bleachers shouting and singing: *Fight boys fight! Fight with all your might!*

The emotional peak of the game came with a slap shot from Mark Spence when Middlebury was shorthanded. A 2-1 lead became 3-1 lead, Norwich pulled their goalie in favor of an extra attacker, and Midd scored their last goal, sliding it into the unprotected net. The drums rolled. The townies and gownies stamped and whooped. The students burst into *Cheer boys cheer!* ending with a thundering, *It'll be a hot time in the old town tonight! Hey! Hey! Hey!!* ■ *RM*

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Skies Over Midd Bring Memories of "Bones"

I find it difficult to express the emotion I felt when I opened the *President's Report 1996-7* to pages 6 and 7, revealing the wide-angle view of the skies above Mead Chapel. Our classmate and KDR brother, Richard "Bones" Hunt, was a World War II fighter pilot who remained in the post-war reserves while a Midd student. From this exact view, we used to watch "Bones" perform very precise quarter aileron rolls in his Republic P-47 Thunderbolt, a massive fighter that he flew with great skill, while returning to his base at Burlington. Bones will never fly these skies again.

Lt. Richard Hunt made the transition to jets, flying the North American Sabre during the Korean Conflict. He was so taken with this aircraft that I understand he named his daughter "Sabre."

"Bones" eventually designed an aircraft with a partner and interested the Boeing Company in it. While on a test flight over Puget Sound, something went askew and "Bones" rode the aircraft down. The canopy was jammed, he could not get out, and he went down with the airplane. For some reason, Boeing called off the search to recover his body after only one day.

His brother, Robert, was also a pilot and a fellow KDR. At the time, Bob was an engineer at Hughes Aircraft and despite his pleas, Boeing would not renew the search. I have been told that Bob Hunt died of a broken heart within a year following Bones' crash.

The two brothers were both fine men and deserve to be remembered. That picture in the *President's Report* sure brought back a lot of memories. By coincidence, although I never saw Dick or Bob Hunt after graduation, I worked for North American Aviation and Hughes Aircraft during this time, unaware that rather dear friends were nearby.

Curt Norris '51
Norton, Massachusetts

Admires Courage of Animal Rights Activist

I am sorry now that I did not write earlier in support of Virginia Mead's views regarding animal rights. My first thought upon reading her essay was how I, too, became a vegetarian after leaving Middlebury. After college I was able to focus my reading and "education" more on the question: How should I lead my life? My decision to become a vegetarian came after much study and *opening*, not narrowing, of my mind, to view animals in a new light. I am sure Ms. Mead's activism is also based on considerable study and thought, and this is where John Sinclair and Peter Swallow are themselves misguided in attacking her.

Vegetarians very consciously refuse to participate in the wasteful use of grain necessary to satiate a very American greed for beef. By campaigning for vegetarianism, Ms. Mead is seeking a better use of cropland and grains to feed the "impoverished and disenfranchised human beings" of the world. Surely this is a worthy cause.

Sinclair and Swallow's letter merely demonstrates the absurdity of carrying an argument to extremes. Ms. Mead, like any activist, uses all-encompassing language in the hope that the public will notice and consent to small, practical changes. By protesting a "canned hunt," Mead has chosen her battlefield well.

However spiritual hunting may be—and in the sense sustaining human life I agree it can be—she should have a good chance of convincing some people that shooting pigeons for sheer pleasure is not spiritual but cruel and base.

I recommend to everyone Jerry Spinelli's 1997 novel *Wringer*, about a nine-year-old boy who dreads turning ten and the ensuing privilege of wringing pigeon necks at the town shoot. Sure the pigeon shoot is *the* town tradition. Nonetheless, as Spinelli elegantly shows in his children's book, some "misguided" souls recognize that not every tradition is *right*.

As with any activist, Ms. Mead's vision is quixotic. As with any quiet practitioner of her vision in a feasible form, I don't mind. I admire her courage.
Paula Davidson '91
Bozeman, Montana

Animal Rights Debate Misses the Point

I can feel the heat but where is the light? The arguments on both sides obscure a fundamental fact of life on earth at this time. Humans probably control the life cycle of most species on the planet. Even countries where the dominant religion demands a reverence for all life have terrible environmental problems and face extinctions of many rare and endangered species to the cause of the world economic system. This is a pretty sobering thought and I hope it gives those who see differences in value between worms and upland birds some idea that if we do not watch out for the worms we may not have any birds.
Jonathan Berger '67
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

College Getting Better: Compared to What?

"We're on our Way." Are we? Toward what? Although the public relations apparatus boasts: "We have a longer line at the Admissions Office than this college has ever had," are they "better" students? With 30-plus years of experience at Middlebury, I don't think so. I have heard that one out of ten of last year's "admits" were real, or potential, male football and/or ice-hockey athletes. (I positively welcome, in print, an official rebuttal.) The students I worked with during the late '60s and '70s, politicized and radicalized as they had been, were equal to or superior to those whom we have aboard at present. That is why I write this letter here—to reach this larger audience.

PR also regularly promotes a "superior" faculty. To what or whom? I came here in 1966 as one of the always changing "Young Turks." "The Middlebury of Change"—that, too, was Armstrong's mantra. But I did take pause for thought—a long one. I recognized that a

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Doc Cook, Howard Munford, or Ben Wissler were my superiors in age, wisdom, and experience, as teachers. There was something to learn from Arthur Healy, Bill Catton, Henry Prickitt, Paul Cubeta, Pardon Tillinghast, Rowland Illick, Emory Fanning, Kim Sparks, David Littlefield. *These* were "inferior" teachers? If I could live up to their performances and strengths, I'd be doing pretty well.

What of a faculty who are evidently less and less connected to the classroom? Why do so many lurch for a position in the administration (in part attracted with reduced teaching loads)? And office hours? The basement floor of Monroe Hall has discernibly become a tomb. E-mail is not the only reason. The past should not be held forth to be repeated, but those who argue for "change" might do well to consider objective comparisons with the past.

During the last quarter century or more, through the faculty's august prescience, we've tried out "concentrations," "foundation courses," "distribution requirements," etc. Not that any of these did not once have a place here, but the *one* fundamental and measurable academic achievement during my time here has been the introduction of the First-Year Seminars, in which the students' faculty adviser is the teacher of the class. A simple but extraordinarily successful event.

What we, and I point to the faculty, are evidently willful in *not* addressing is the sophomore year. We do not seek to come to terms face on with the really horrendous implications of having a huge number of our junior-year class "studying" abroad—the most formative year in any four-year college curriculum. Our various senior-year programs are a hodgepodge of successes and failures, some spur-of-the-moment improvisations, some well-grounded producing truly outstanding senior theses (I'm on the Catton Prize Committee and know a bit), others simply nonexistent.

"We're on our Way." To what? Decentralized dining? Making student life a peak? Social Houses, members self-selecting and thereby "fraternities" in wolf's clothing? Arbitrarily, prejudicially exclusive? Could the 200-year campaign be called something other than a "Kickoff"? I wish it could.

I have serious concerns for Middlebury College's long-term future as a place known for *academic* excellence. Middlebury's faculty bear that responsibility; would that it can live up to it. But for Middlebury, the fumble on the 20-yard line could

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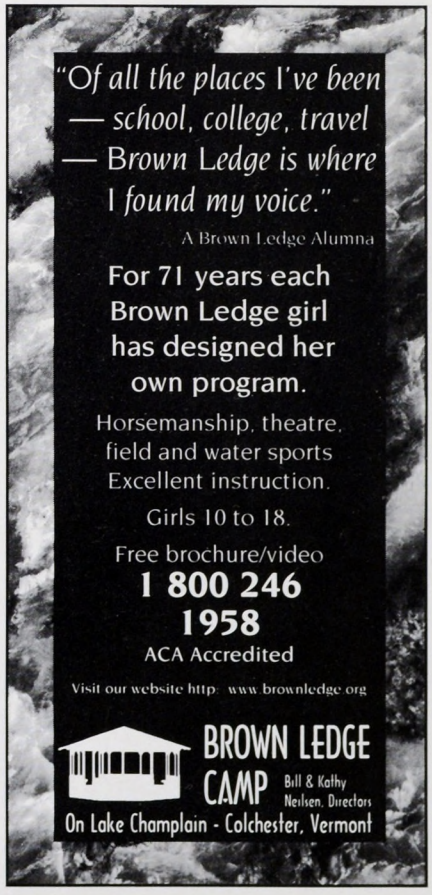
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Febs at Long Last Have Proper Designation

I wish to express my unbounded joy at learning that someone in the Middlebury Alumni Organization finally has the inspiration and insight to recognize properly the history of some of our nontraditional graduates. I refer, of course, to the enlightened article in the recent issue of your magazine that identified one Ms. Molly Lukins as a member of the class of 1997.5.

After suffering for years as being neither a member of one class or another, I was heartened, nay gratified, that the long struggle for correct recognition of my fellow Febs might, at long last, be nearing its final and fitting conclusion. We have for years, struggled with improper labels, not being members of the class that preceded us nor being adequately associated with that which followed. At long last it appears that the Alumni Association is prepared to recognize us and will, if hope is fulfilled, allow us a chance to reunion at the correct time of year, when the call of winter snows beckons and those who take unto themselves the name, title and privilege of midyear students begin their college education in the midst of the glorious Vermont winter.

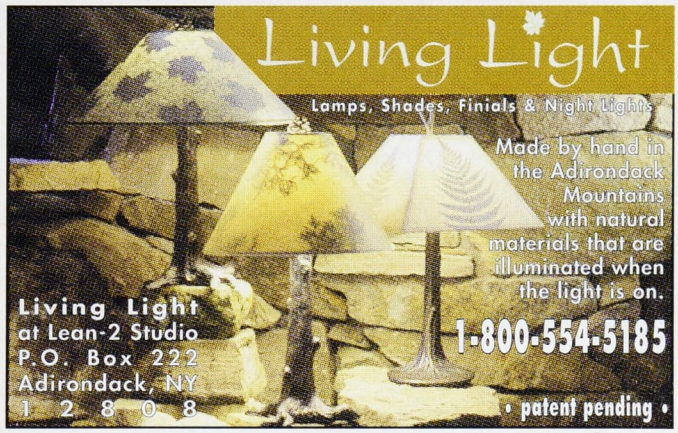
Also, where did that spoof of T.S. Eliot in the last issue come from? I will confess that most of my peers didn't get the joke but I laughed loud enough to make up for them.
David Alan Grier '77.5
Washington, D.C.

Vermonter dug Nap is the twisted mind behind the T.S. Eliot cartoon. He is a painter and illustrator who lives in Burlington. See his view of winter weather, page 17.

Preservation or Historical Theme Park?

Since, as stated in your letters policy, "priority is given to letters addressing issues discussed in the magazine," I write on a subject that suffuses nearly every page of the publication, from the ads for local vacation homes in the back to the pictures of the Field House, formerly a hangar but here adaptively reused for a fundraising gala, near the front of the Fall '97 issue. I refer to the quality of the built environment at Middlebury.

What a shock to visit Middlebury recently and witness the transformation of the corner of the campus we used to call "the New Dorms." Notoriously a sophomore ghetto, Hadley, Milliken, Kelly, and Lang were even derisively referred to in some circles as "the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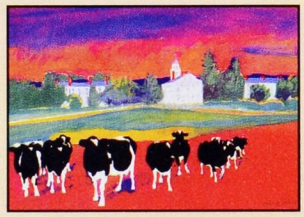

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If these buildings once evoked public housing, they now, in my opinion, resemble nothing so much as the glitzy historicist condo buildings one sees at ski resorts. This is admittedly a preliminary impression, subject to revision based on how the New Dorms grow into their community and landscape. But the contrarian part of me mourns the loss of the old New Dorms. Their design was a successful effort to harmonize the International Style of the 1960s with the College's distinctive, early 19th-century architectural flavor. Arguably, they were as worthy of preservation as Old Chapel is.

Two recent buildings —the Center for the Arts by Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates and the dorm designed by Edward Larrabee Barnes—suggest that Middlebury is committed to architecture that is truly innovative. On the other hand, when new buildings eschew innovation in favor of mere imitation, we risk turning the campus into a historical theme park. The New Dorms now look like Painter and Starr with silos. Is this progress?

Donald M. Kreis '80
Portland, Maine

War Hero Heinrich

Your "War Story Comes to Light" brought back many memories of my class with Professor Heinrichs nearly 60 years ago. It was the fall of 1938, on the eve of World War II, and we were freshmen. Professor Heinrichs taught us Contemporary Civilization and required us to read the *New York Times* every day. The rest of my memories are vague except for the overall impression of his knowledge, both of history and contemporary history-making events. I had never read the daily paper and he made me a lifelong reader of the *New York Times*. Now I read the *Times* daily on the Internet because we can't get it locally, and we drive 40 miles to get it on Sundays. How is that for the influence of a prof 60 years later? Thanks for printing the war account of a great prof.

Bea Simpler Braun '42
Spring Hill, Florida

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President's Perspective

By John M. McCardell, Jr.

A COMMITMENT TO RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

As rapid developments in technology and communications serve to make the world seem smaller, they also highlight the variety of ethnic and cultural traditions that shape our world. At the same time, we become painfully aware of how that variety can lead to prejudice, even violence, as variety becomes a source of division and conflict and our attention is directed to what sets us apart rather than what we may have in common.

At Middlebury, our students explore these contemporary themes in thought-provoking courses such as Race and Ethnicity (Anthropology 355) and The Civil Rights Revolution (History 357). Just as important, they also confront the underlying issues through organizations, such as Hillel and the International Students Organization, which help students understand the rich traditions of the religious and ethnic backgrounds that have shaped their lives. The futures of today's students depend much upon their abilities to work within a world marked by an increasingly interdependent global economy and, in America's case at least, a nation where people of European descent will soon be the new minority group. Over time, the composition of our faculty and student body will inevitably reflect the diversity of race, religion, and nationalities of the world we know.

Colleges and universities have not always viewed such diversity as a desirable goal. In recent years, scholars of higher education have reminded us of a history of discriminatory policies in the admissions programs of even our most enlightened institutions of learning. Quotas to limit the number of Jewish students at Yale were in effect as recently as the 1940s. Last November, Dartmouth's president James Freedman reported his discovery that our neighbor across the Green Mountains also had a policy to restrict the admission of Jews during the 1930s and 1940s. President Freedman's candor in reporting this unflattering news reminds us of the progress being made toward a more inclusive society.

As an historian I was interested to learn whether Middlebury also had a stated policy to restrict the admission of Jews or other groups. The one person who has combed virtually all known records of the College is David Stameshkin, who wrote the two-volume history of Middlebury. He reports that he could not find any evidence of such discriminatory policies in the thousands of pages of personal and official College correspondence, in interviews with retired faculty and administrators, and in the many volumes of trustee minutes that were part of his 10-year research effort. He is convinced that Middlebury never had a quota system.

Though we can take comfort from those reports, the fact is that for most of its history, Middlebury was homogeneous, not only as to religion, but also as to race. Stameshkin reminds us that in 1920, out of 319 students, there were only five Catholics and two Jews. Most others were Protestant. By 1950, the percentage of Catholics had risen to almost 14 percent and the Jewish enrollment had increased to 18 students, or 1.4 percent of the student body. By contrast, this year's entering Class of 2001 is much more diverse. More than 23 percent profess to be Catholic, the largest single denomination represented. Another 8.5 percent are Jews, while 29 percent claim no religious affiliation. Seven percent of the entering class are natives of another country, while quite a few more are Americans living overseas. Ten percent are American-born students of color.

These statistics are interesting, but they take on meaning only alongside the superb academic credentials of this entering class. Eighty-seven percent graduated in the top quintile of their high school class. The average SAT scores were 690 verbal and 680 math. These are our best numbers ever. The conclusion is inescapable: as the College has become more diverse, it has also become stronger. Moreover, as members of a residential college, these able students educate one another, even as they are educated.

Assuring that Middlebury

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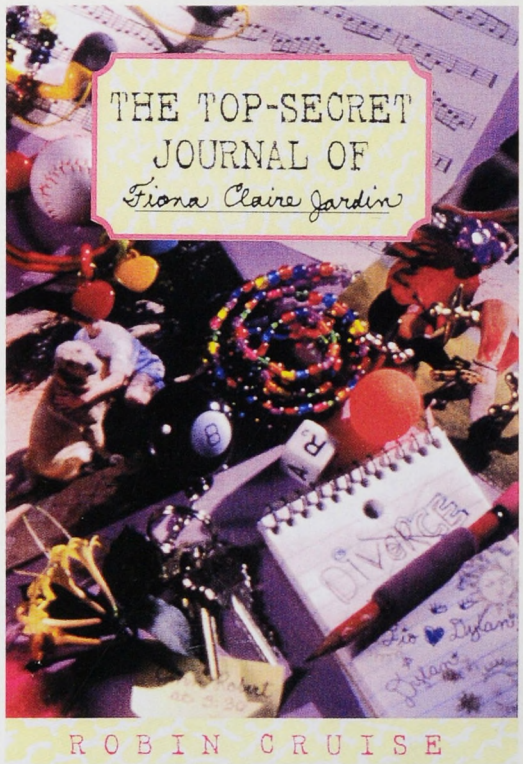
UPHILL DOWNHILL

BRACE YOURSELF: HERE COMES FIONA

As managing editor at Harcourt Brace's children's books division, and a mother of three children, it is perhaps not surprising that **Robin Cruise '73** one day decided to write a children's book. She began the book after she and her former husband Dick Bayer '73 separated. Hoping to share with her children some books that dealt with the subject foremost on the family's mind, Cruise was disappointed with what she found. "It struck me that there should be something better in the world." So she decided to write about the emotional roller-coaster ride of divorce.



ROBIN CRUISE

Cruise's first draft of *The Top-Secret Journal of Fiona Claire Jardin* was read enthusiastically by editors at various publishing houses who praised the humor and the strong voice of the main character. ("Having been a newspaper columnist, I was good at eavesdropping on my kid's conversations," Cruise says.) The novel is a reflection on divorce and how children are affected when a marriage ends. But despite the nearly universal enthusiasm, *Fiona Claire Jardin* ended up in the drawer along with lots of "wonderful rejections."

A few years later Cruise read about a competition for first-time children's book writers, sponsored through the Heekin Foundation. Her interest was piqued. She pulled the manuscript out of the drawer and rewrote it top to bottom. No one was more surprised than she when *The Top-Secret Journal of Fiona Claire Jardin* was named a finalist in the competition. Although the manuscript did not win the Heekin Grant, the feedback rekindled Cruise's determination to nudge Fiona and her family into print.

It was then that her friend and colleague, **Allyn Johnston '84**, reentered the picture. The editorial director of Harcourt Brace Children's Books, Johnston had read the manuscript early on and loved it. But there was one big problem. Harcourt Brace had a policy against publishing books written by employees. After *Fiona* received the Heekins recognition, though, Johnston was convinced the book was good enough that corporate policy should be changed.

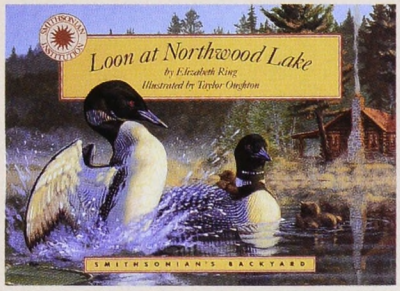
"I don't want this published by anyone else," Johnston recalls telling Cruise. "We have to do it." So she went all the way up through the ranks to the president of the company, and though it took some time and persuasion, the policy was indeed changed and Cruise's book was accepted for publication by Harcourt.

Johnston, who works with, among others, Mem Fox, Cynthia Rylant, Lois Ehlert, and Theodore Taylor (two of her best-known books are *Time for Bed* by Mem Fox, and *On the Day You were Born* by Debra Frasier; she also edited Woody Jackson's *Counting Cows*) and Cruise have managed to keep separate their myriad roles at Harcourt Brace. "I'm not an author when I'm at work," says Cruise. "Typically we don't talk about the book unless we're in the elevator or out in the street. It is important to keep that boundary clear."

Cruise says she does have fun at the weekly production meetings, though, when discussion turns to her own book. If there is a delay, she can report that " 'the author's dog ran away so the manuscript will be three days late'—

Midds in the Kids Biz

The newest children's book for writer **Elizabeth Ring Hennefrund '42**, *Loon at Northwood Lake* (written under her pen name Elizabeth Ring), is a beautifully written story of a loon family's summer on a northern lake. The strong, spare prose is enhanced by Taylor Oughton's evocative paintings. Hennefrund has written 18 books, many of them in the children's literature genre and many exploring themes of nature, perhaps drawing on her many years of working as an associate editor for *Ranger Rick*. Her husband, Bill Hennefrund '42, is a photographer who has collaborated with her on several previous books. *Loon at Northwood Lake* is published by Soundprints for The Smithsonian Institution.



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Leslie Grodinsky Kimmelman '80, a writer and editor for The Children's Television Workshop, has published several books teaching youngsters about the Jewish holidays, and is about to come out with her first "chapter book" about a girl who takes over her missing parents' journalism jobs and gets to interview the president.

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Albert G. Craz Jr. '50 wrote the "Getting to Know" series that covered all the nations in the UN, and then a series of river books (for his book on the Mississippi he bought a trailer, hitched it to his VW, and took his family on a three-month tour of the Mississippi region).

Laura Appleton Smith '80 and husband have recently formed Flyleaf Publishing in Lyme, New Hampshire. Their first book series will be for beginning readers using phonics.

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Lisa DeMauro '75 is a freelance writer who has written for Scholastic and Trumpet, two popular children's book clubs, as well as a cookbook for Fisher Price, and a perennial favorite about bats. She now reviews children's software for *Sesame Street Magazine*.

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Daniel Elish '83 wrote *The Worldwide Dessert Contest*, *Jason and the Baseball Bear*, and *The Great Squirrel Uprising*. A music major at Middlebury, Elish is combining his two talents: he is transforming *Worldwide Dessert* into a musical.

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One day, these Midd authors may find themselves reviewed by fellow alum **Lauren O'Brien Adams '87**, senior editor at Horn Book, Inc., which publishes a magazine of children's book reviews.

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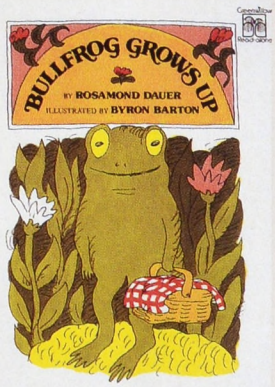
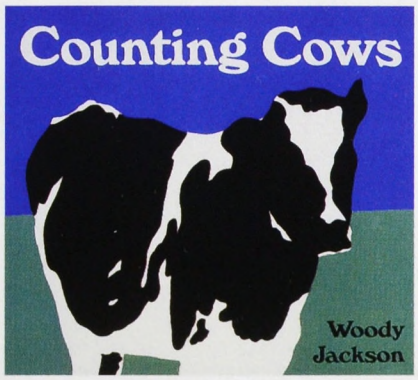
Rosamond Mueller Dauer '56 is the author of the beloved "Bullfrog" series (*Bullfrog Grows Up*, *Bullfrog Builds a House*, and *Bullfrog and Gertrude Go Camping*) as well as other books. A poet who had always made up stories for her own children, Dauer began writing children's books that would hook kids into reading through humor. ■



and they have to believe me."

The book will be out in April. Its fate will depend in large part upon reviews and word-of-mouth "buzz" from booksellers. While Johnston is realistic about the "challenged" state of publishing quality children's books, she still thinks *Fiona* will go far. "It's such a great blend of humor and heartbreak. We've got high hopes for it."

Their high hopes may be entirely justified: Fiona's first foray into the real world of middle school readers was an auspicious one. This magazine's 11-year-old guest reviewer, who was given the advance reader's copy of *The Top-Secret Journal of Fiona Claire Jardin*, began reading and a few hours later announced, "I'm addicted to this book." When she finished it a few days later, she took a short breather, then began it again. ■



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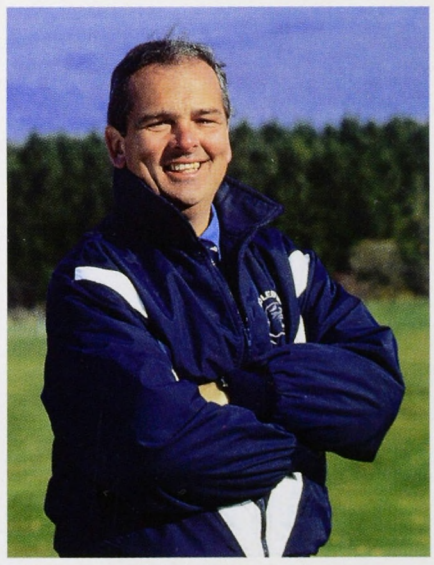
BEANEY MARKS 200, GETS HANDED THE PUCK

Bill Beaney must be getting used to it. All the acclaim, that is. Last spring at the conclusion of their third consecutive championship-winning season, he and his team were invited to a special reception with Howard Dean, the Governor of Vermont. Just last week, less than halfway through this season, Beaney was recognized in the *New York Times*, as was the College itself. The story placed Middlebury "at home on top" of Division III, and, uncharacteristically, this sports story noted that at Middlebury the average score on the SATs is 1,330, the male enrollment is 1,050, and athletic scholarships are unknown. More acclaim must inevitably be heaped upon Beaney, who has just marked his 200th win at Middlebury (and received an honorary team puck from his captains, in the locker room after the game) and, a few days later, reached the auspicious 300th mark for all-time career wins. His skaters say he's a tough coach "who earns our respect" and note that he routinely "outcoaches other coaches" with his very technical, specific plays, and his clever strategies. ■



Bill Beaney, 200 and counting

Photograph by Bob Handelman

NEWSMAKERS

SEE NO WEEVIL

Sallie Sheldon, associate professor of biology, is finally seeing her research move into the development phase with the signing of an agreement between Middlebury and Enviro-Science, Inc., of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The company will be breeding and selling a tiny water beetle known as a weevil—the insect that Sheldon found had a significant impact on that invasive water weed, Eurasian water milfoil.

V IS FOR . . .

Not victory, though **Eve Ensler '75** ought to be feeling pretty victorious. It's for *vagina*—that unsayable, unprintable word that Ensler has actresses like Glenn Close, Marisa Tomei, Whoopi Goldberg, and Lily Tomlin speaking freely about during the course of a benefit performance of "The Vagina Monologues." Ensler's play ran off Broadway to rave reviews (though papers including the *New York Times* refused to advertise the show, unable to commit the dread V-word to print).

NO FATS, NO GLORY

Former top enchillada at Taco Bell, **John E. Martin '67** has launched a new business which combines his two old passions—motorcycles and food. He left Taco Bell after his low-fat line went belly up—apparently the only bad business decision he ever made there. Martin built the company from $600 million to $4.5 billion, and from 15,000 to 25,000 locations. He has plans to turn a chain of motorcycle-themed restaurants into a global business empire that encompasses restaurants, coffeehouses, apparel, magazines, and motorcycle accessories. Sounds audacious, but his business partner says it's peanuts compared with what he did at Taco Bell. ■

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Readers Talk Back

Last fall we sent a survey to 2,000 randomly selected readers to learn more about our audience, its magazine-reading habits, preferences, and opinions. This was the first in what we plan will be regular polling of our readers to see how we're doing. Here are some highlights from what your former classmates told us:

494 responses (278 women, 222 men)
25% response rate

*** They read regularly or occasionally the following departments:**

Letters	85.9%
Uphill/Downhill (news)	84.4%
President's Perspective	75.0%
First Editions (books)	65.8%
Viewfinder (editor's note)	64.4%
Educated Opinion	64.2%
Sports	53.7%
World Beat (Language School)	48.6%

*** They agree strongly or agree with the following:**

99%	The magazine looks attractive.
95%	The quality of the writing is good.
89.5%	It keeps them informed about the College.
85%	It reflects positively on the College.
84%	The mix of articles is balanced.
78.9%	The information is timely.
78.7%	It makes them proud to be an alum.
73%	It keeps them in touch with other alums.
49%	It covers controversy impartially.

*** They're very interested or somewhat interested in the following topics for articles:**

99.6%	Alumni
97.1%	Faculty
96.2%	Controversial campus issues
95.0%	Middlebury history
93.9%	Students
91.3%	Issues affecting higher education
88.8%	Books by faculty and alumni
86.2%	Middlebury administration
81.4%	The alumni association
76.2%	How donors' money is used
66.7%	Sports
58.9%	Capital Campaign news
56.1%	Donors

*** Suggestions for stories:** This question elicited individual suggestions and opinions. The most suggested story topics are, in this order: social issues on campus, retrospectives, faculty, programs abroad, town/gown controversies. Other suggestions: old Midd "hangouts," cost of Middlebury, contribution of fraternities, gay and lesbian issues, developments in the curriculum, home schooling, local farms, Vermont topics, profiles on one academic department per issue, more creative writing, admissions policies, more humor, more on Beck, rock bands at Midd, Febs, Ron Brown, and lots more.

*** Complaints:** These were very individual comments. Here's a selection: Names should appear under wedding photos, too much sports, not enough sports, too many wedding photos, add divorce announcements, too much affluence represented, word games annoy, eliminate the "touchy feely" articles, no more Woody Jackson!, make sports more substantial, wedding pictures too small, ads detract from stories, and lots more.

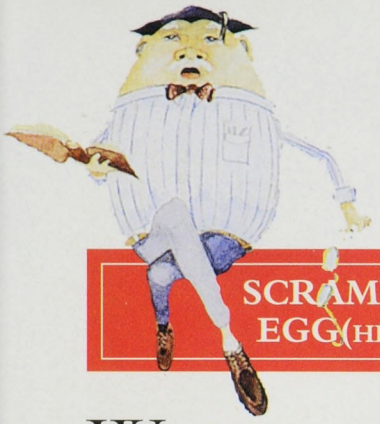
*** Remembered articles:** Not surprisingly, the most frequently cited article was the cover story of the magazine the respondents had just received (Emory Fanning). A close second was Horace Beck (letters and the article). The Rowland Illick article was next—again, from the latest issue. Then some earlier pieces—the article on Kris Clarke, the African-American dancer (student); and then Guanlong Cao, the alum who is a Chinese dissident/artist; and finally Derry Mason, the student athlete with the disability.

*** Class Notes:** Four questions elicited responses over 70 percent:

92.1%	Like profile boxes about alumni
81.7%	Like quotes by alumni
72.3%	Say there are just enough class notes
70.0%	Say they turn to their class notes first

*** Overall Satisfaction:** 99.6% say they are very or somewhat satisfied with the magazine, with the breakdown as follows:

67.1%	Very satisfied
32.5%	Somewhat satisfied
.4%	Not at all satisfied ■



SCRAMBLED EGG(HEAD)S

While struggling with the most miserable winter weather in decades, one need only read the inscription on Mead Memorial Chapel to gain a moment of renewed optimism. *The Strength of the Hills is His Also.* With that strength you can turn to the following puzzle. Winners will both:

(1) Form the longest word that can be made using the letters in: *The Strength of the Hills is His Also.*

(2) Write a sentence using the letters in *The Strength of the Hills is His Also.* You must use every letter the same number of times it appears in the original sentence; no letters may be omitted.

A winner will be selected at random from the group of correct entries and will receive a Middlebury College mug. Please send entries to Eggheads, Middlebury Magazine, Hathaway House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Autumn '97 Contest

The uncommon appellation that an early, Middlebury benefactor and a former U.S. president had in common is *Gamaliel.* Warren Gamaliel Harding was the 29th president. Gamaliel Painter left his substantial estate to the College upon his death in 1819. The winning entry was Talbot F. Hamlin '40 who also informed us that "as for appellations, the Green Mountains are part of the Appelation [sic] range."

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During Middlebury's Bicentennial Celebration in 2000, the College will place plaques on 18 historic buildings, with Old Stone Row serving as a focus for the effort. ■

NOW RESIDING ON THE RIDGELINE

At the western edge of the parking lot behind Farrell House, there's a little path through a small, dense stand of evergreens. Follow it and you'll come, quite quickly, to three new attractive frame houses, recently completed, named, and now occupied by three lucky groups of students who are, undoubtedly, happily tacking posters onto clean walls, stacking pizza boxes on trash cans, and otherwise turning pristine living quarters into comfortable homes for the remainder of the semester. Each building offers housing, mostly single rooms, a common kitchen, and a lounge, to coed groups of 30 students.

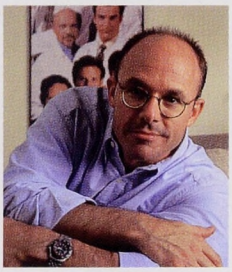
Brackett House, named in honor of Mary Williams Brackett '36, is now home to students from Alpha Delta Phi. Brackett taught in the German School, served as both the dean of admissions for women and dean of women, and is former president of the MCAA and former vice chair of the Board of Trustees. She is currently trustee emerita.

Palmer House will serve as home to students from Omega Alpha and is named in honor of Patricia Judah Palmer '57, who is currently cochair of the College's Bicentennial Campaign, and has been vice president and president of the Middlebury College Alumni Association, class secretary, and alumni admissions representative.

Prescott House honors W. Kyle Prescott '49 and will be home to students from Zeta Theta Phi. Prescott cofounded the MCAA of Canada, is president of the Montreal chapter, a former member of the Board of Trustees, and a trustee emeritus. ■

The College of the Future

I'd go back in a second.



John H. Tinker '81
Executive Producer,
"Chicago Hope"

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"If given the chance, who wouldn't do it all over again? And this time, we'd do things differently, right? I know I'd take more history classes. And art. Maybe science, too.

"But the College would do things much the same. Middlebury cared for me, helped shape and mold me, socially and academically, by providing me with opportunities and challenging me with possibilities. Since my graduation, the scope of Middlebury's education has only increased in depth and breadth. I see it reflected in the faculty, administration, and campus itself. I know what kind of college this was in 1981. To imagine what Middlebury can (and will) be in the year 2000 and beyond... Yeah, you bet I'd do it all over again."

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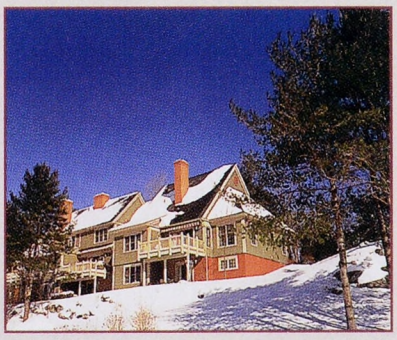
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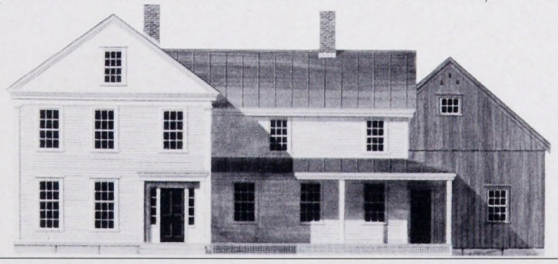

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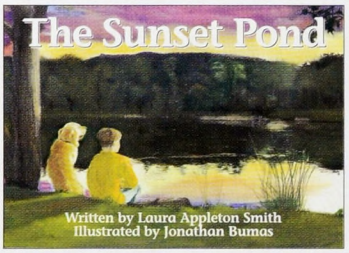

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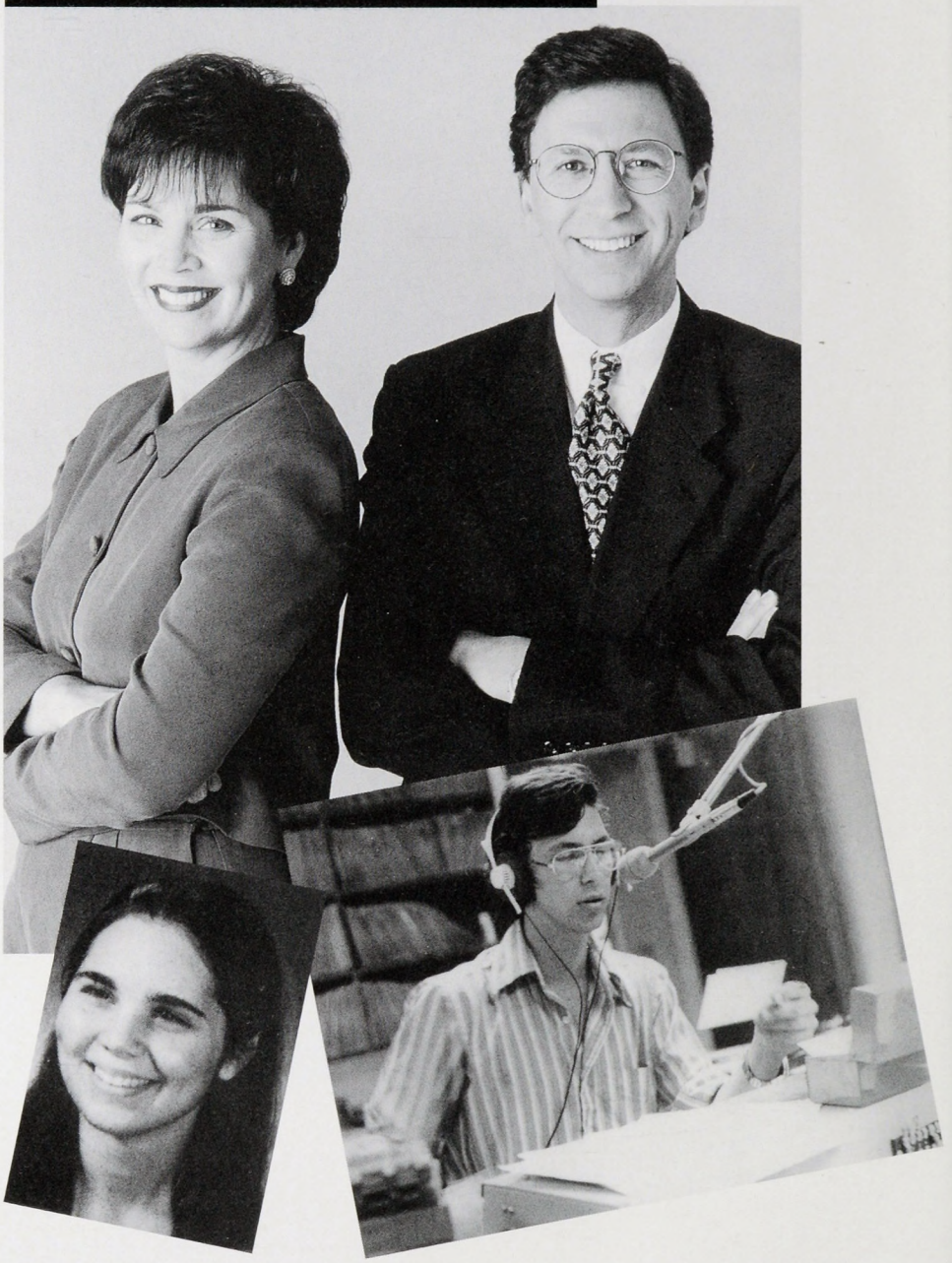

They're back. Jeanne Meserve '74 and Frank Sesno '79, who first worked together at WRMC in 1974, are coanchoring *Newsday*, CNN's new noontime news show. Seeing them today, only their old classmates could picture them from those days—when Jeanne was a D.J. known around campus as Ms. Morning. Or when Frank was a freshman with long hair and big aspirations to make it in radio. Sesno is now senior vice president and Washington bureau chief for CNN. Meserve is a correspondent for the CNN Washington Bureau.

The 25 intervening years have brought both of them national and international media experience, with career paths that have traveled along some of the same beats. But this is the first time they will again work together—this time sharing an anchor for a major network news show. ■

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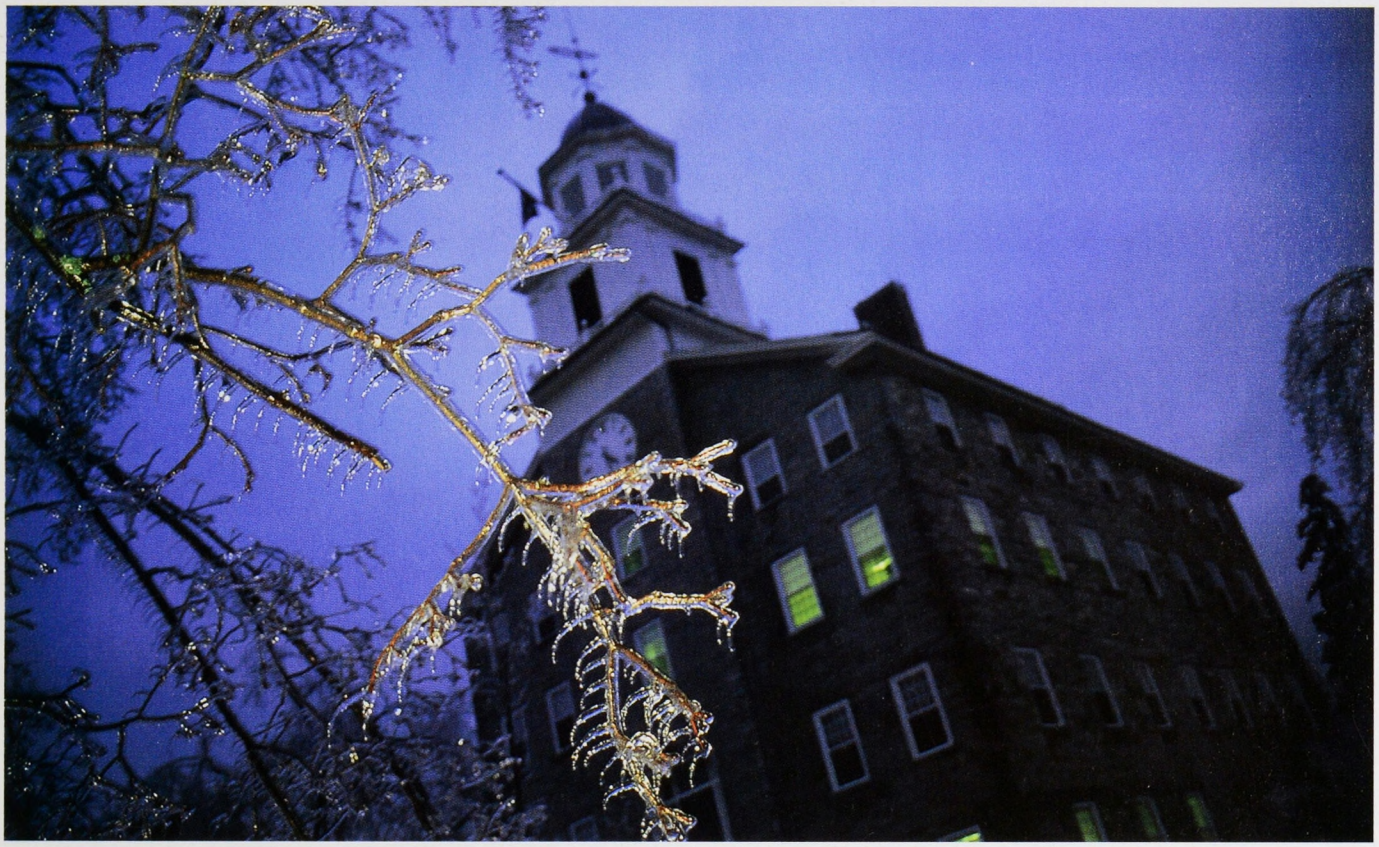
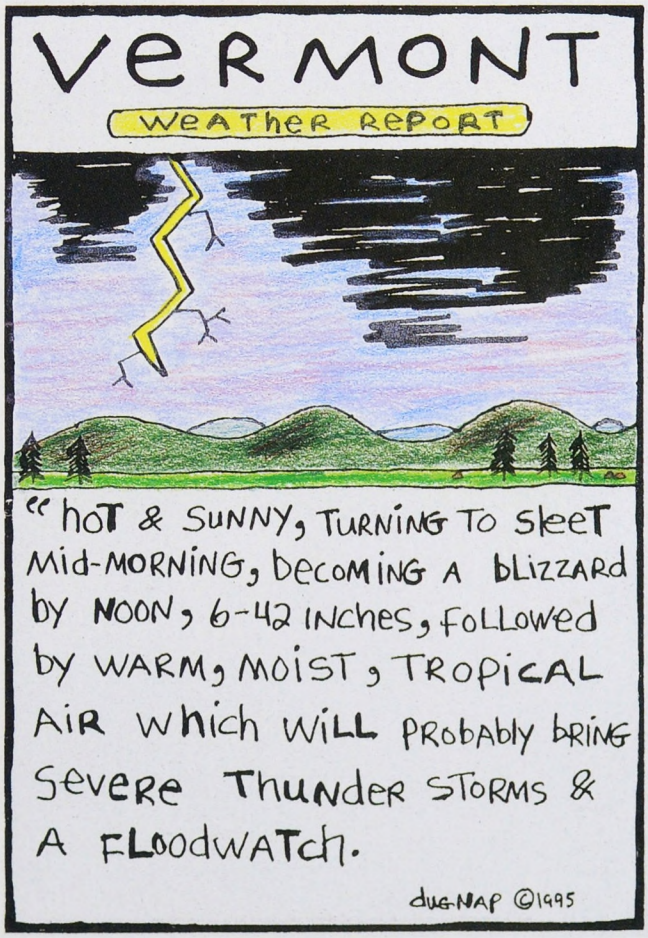


Every twig, every branch, every limb was covered with a thick sheath of ice. The walks were sheer terror; huge icicles hung from the roofs. Campus inhabitants who inched out-of-doors to peek at the wonder were shocked by the cracks and then crashes as tree limbs, one after another, collapsed and fell under their burdens, often shattering, leaving piles of ice shards on the frozen ground.

The damage was extreme. Norm Cushman, assistant director for maintenance and operations, says that virtually every tree on campus was damaged. It took a workforce of 45, two days to clean up the damaged and downed trees.

Most of the wood was taken to an area where it was ground into chips and then used as part of the food waste composting project. One small compensation: "It has a life after being a tree," Cushman notes. Particularly missed will be a rare 125-year-old *Celtis occidalis* (common hackberry) that was the oldest tree of its kind in the state and used to stand on the Old Chapel lawn. ■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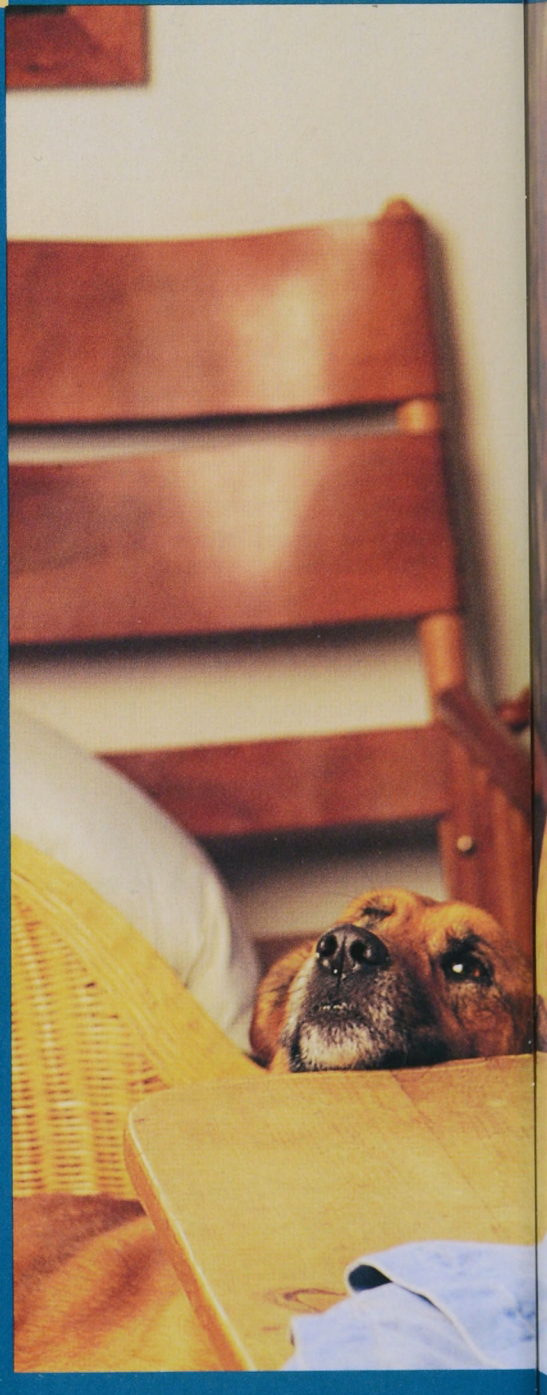
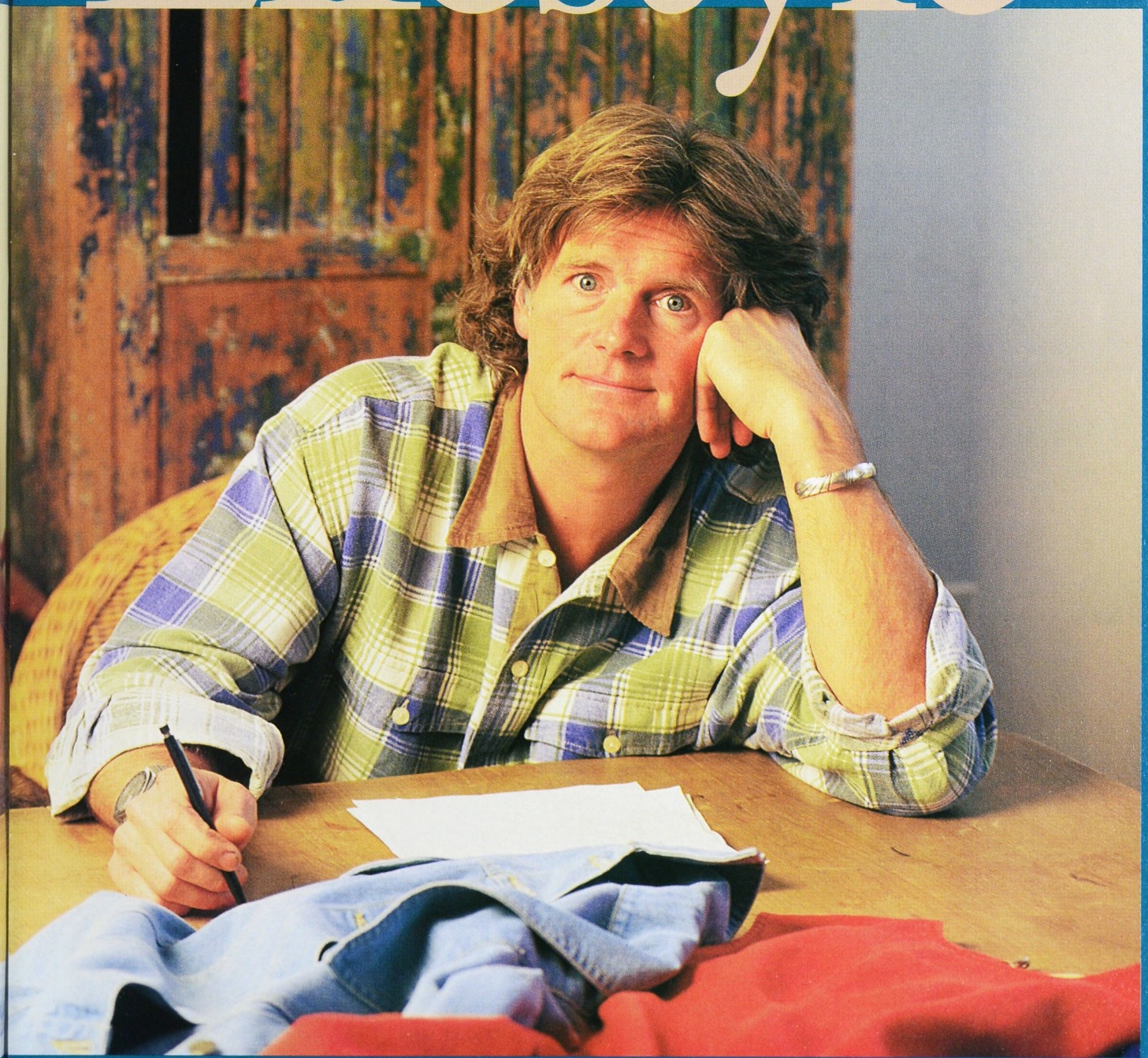


Bruce Willard's office psychiatrist has red hair, compassionate eyes, and a big fluffy tail. Just down the hall, another office psychiatrist is asleep on the floor. This one has white hair, a bit of a belly, and drool running out the corner of his mouth. Both counselors, Luke and Alley, spend most of their days sleeping, and that's no surprise. There doesn't seem to be much work for a shrink in this particular office building.

By Russ Spencer

Selling a Lifestyle



Photographs by Philip Channing

That's because it's The Territory Ahead, the powerhouse national catalog clothier. Based in Santa Barbara, California, the office, if it can be called that, has high ceilings, wooden floors, and floods of natural light. The workers, if they can be called that, dress as though they're on permanent vacation.

Willard, a 1977 Middlebury graduate in American studies, is president and CEO of this company, which, at only eight years old, sells $30 million in clothes each year and now employs 200 people. Willard presides over his empire in sandals, jeans, and a brown Heavy Silk Twill Ponderosa Shirt. In other words, he is wearing his own catalog. And here comes the vice president of marketing in shorts and a T-shirt. Hey fella, don't trip over the dog!

This is work? It looks more like adult day care. All-day recess. Early retirement. Whatever it is, it certainly works. The reason for the success? According to Willard, it's because his company sells more than clothes. The Territory Ahead sells a blend of lifestyle and personality. And Willard says that blend, that formula for appealing to the American male, has its roots in the lessons he learned while studying literature at Middlebury. It was there, he said, that he began to seriously study what it means to be an American, and the literary cues that molded his understanding now informs everything from the company name on down.

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"The name The Territory Ahead came from the last line of one of my favorite books, *Huckleberry Finn*," Willard says. "Huck says, 'Well, I reckon I got to light out for the territory ahead of the rest because Aunt Sally she's going to adopt me and civilize me and I can't stand it.' I chose it because it seemed to capture a little bit of the sense of the maverick and the rebel that American men relate to. It wasn't highfalutin."

Sitting behind the weathered pine table that serves as his desk, it's hard to imagine Willard as a pale, beer-drinking New England college freshman. California, it seems, agrees with him. He is disarmingly handsome and almost bursting with an aura of health and vivacity. His warm complexion, impossibly blue eyes, and healthy shock of tousled brown hair give him the appearance of a born and bred surfer—certainly not a man who puts in 60 hours a week at the office and goes home to the responsibilities of caring for his four-year-old son. In fact, his blend of health and hard work echoes the feel of his own national advertising campaign: "Part Snob, Part Slob."

Even that well-known slogan, seen most often in *New Yorker* magazine advertisements, finds its genesis at Middlebury. "I was taking a class from a professor named Horace Beck. He was a character, quite a character. A hell of a great guy. And Horace talked about how all American writers fell into two categories, snobs and slobs. And when it came time to do national magazine ads, I remembered that. I thought that if all American writers are slobs or snobs, maybe all American *men* are slobs or snobs."

Willard, who grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, chose to attend Middlebury specifically because it offered a degree in American literature. After graduating from Middlebury, Willard continued to write, but supported himself by taking a job in Maine at L.L. Bean. In six months, he rose from forklift driver to ghostwriter for the L.L. Bean Guide the Outdoors. He eventually graduated into product development and merchandising, then moved to San Francisco to take a job in merchandising for Esprit. In 1989, it came time for Willard to light out for his *own* territory ahead. "I sold my house in Maine and put every cent I had into this company," he says

Willard's investment was matched by his former wife, Jodie Ireland. They had met at a

Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, and Ireland oversaw the development of the company's image through the catalog's snappy, story-based writing. With two employees and all operations based in a very unpretty Bekins storage building near the Santa Barbara waterfront, they sent their first catalog to 200,000 potential customers. And waited.

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At first, the catalog was aimed just at men, and Willard says he took great care to create a vibe that wouldn't make them feel prickly about being interested in fashion. "Men were just beginning to loosen up in terms of what they would wear," Willard says. "They were interested in colors, in better fabrics, and had recently acquired the social license to be more adventurous and selective in their clothing."

Within a year, The Territory Ahead was in the black. The company eventually added some women's clothing, and Willard has continued to tinker with the image of the catalog, which now reaches more than 18 million people a year. "People want to know who they are buying from," Willard says."We are quick to point out that we *are* the customers. We wear the products we put in the catalog. Our personality comes through, and people identify with that." Indeed, a glance at the catalog, which tantalizes with large-format color photographs of rugged western landscapes, reveals clothes that are elegant but rustic, basic but stylish. They are a fashion statement that says, "I don't want to look fashionable." And each one gets its own clever moniker. The Weekend Decompression Shirt. Serendipity Twills. Equinox Socks.

Again, Willard credits his studies at Middlebury with helping create this winning formula. "Let's face it," he says, "part of the reason that I started the company was because I had an interest in the trends of American men, and I look at clothing as a great symbol of cultural trends. It's one of those easy, fairly inexpensive purchases that people choose as a representation of what they stand for, who they are, and what they believe in. My interest in American studies and sociological traditions became a sort of live experiment with the company."

The sense of adventure embodied by the literature Willard studied in college still deeply defines the feel of his clothing catalog. "I have always been very interested in what the voice of Americanism is all about," he says. "And Americanism as it was expressed for me back in college, when I was studying American literature, was the great sense of an individual against society. There was this kind of momentum of escape, of lighting out toward adventure, that has always been interesting to me. This has been woven into the spirit of what the Territory Ahead catalog is all about. It's a kind of a dream. It's an invitation to get out."

In 1992, Willard sold a part of the company to Lands' End in exchange for operations assistance, access to mailing lists, and capital. This spring, the Lands' End partnership was taken over by the International Cornerstone Group, which offered Willard better relations with manufacturing partners in Hong Kong. But the guy who was listening mighty closely in Horace Beck's literature class still remains firmly at the helm of The Territory Ahead.

"When I think of the future, I really don't have dollars in mind as much as a commitment to executing things in a way that speaks of good quality and uniqueness and a certain personality," Willard says, with Luke panting lazily by his side. "Success comes as a by product of those values." ■

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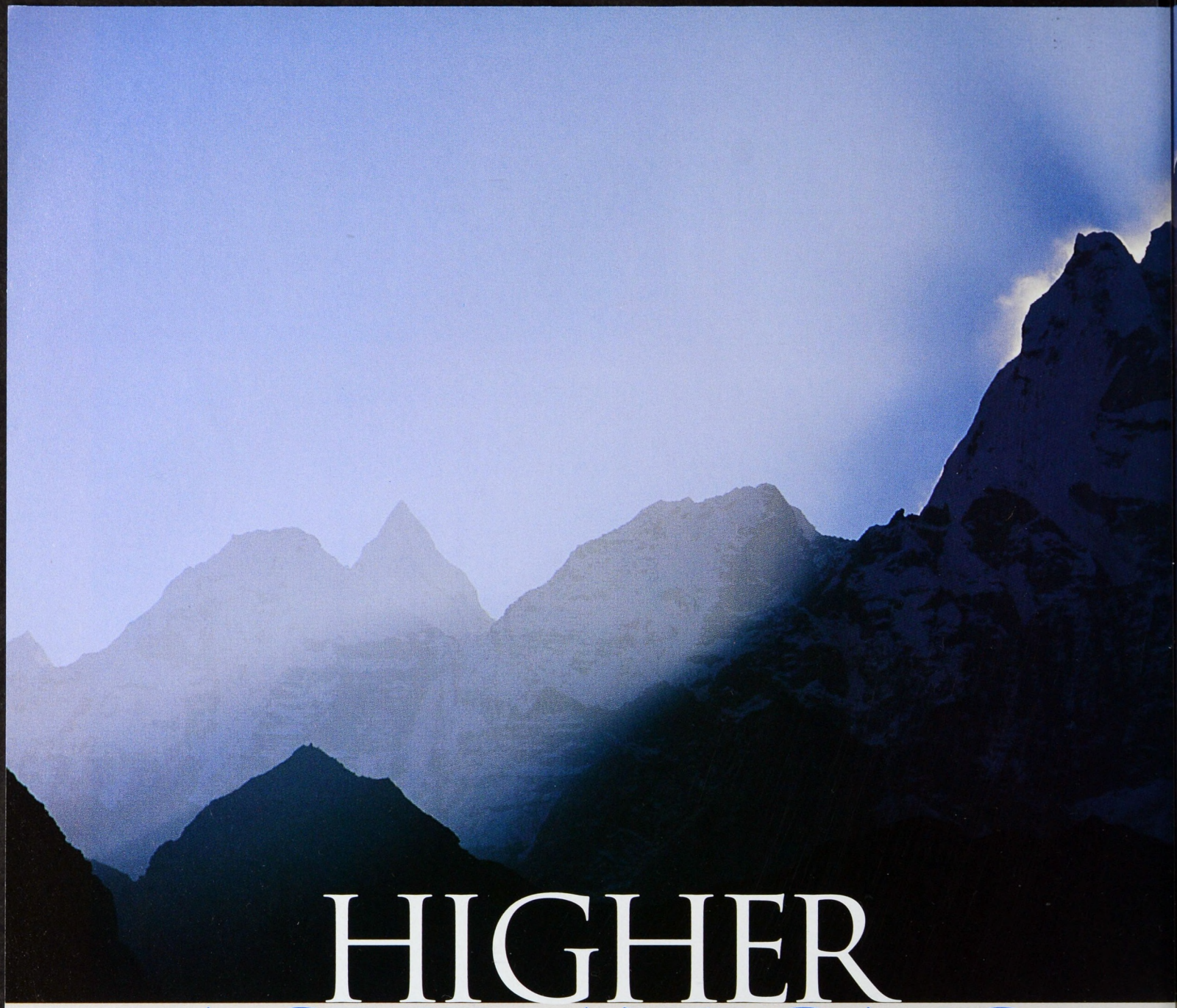
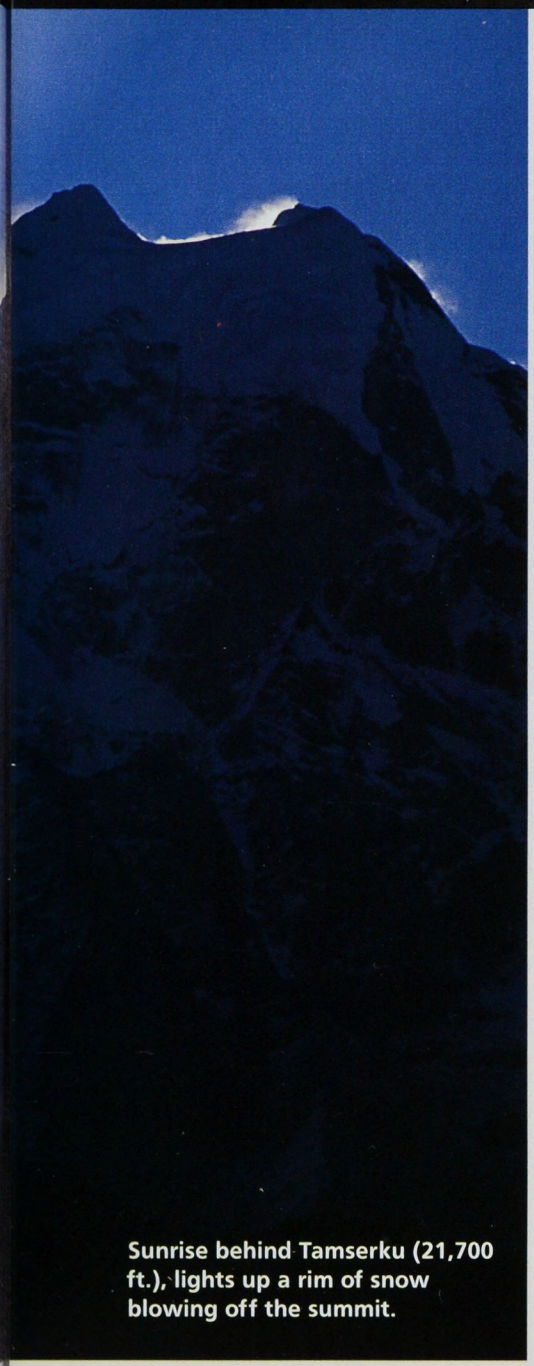


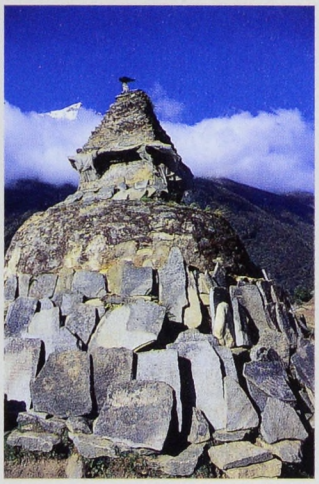
HIGHER ASPIRATIONS

Images from a Himalayan Trek

Mark Dornblaser '84 arrived at 18,000 feet ragged but exuberant. He, along with various Sherpas, yaks, and friends, reached Gokyo Peak where they had a 360-degree view of the top of the world. There was Everest standing awesomely snow-blown intersecting the jet stream at 29,028 feet. Due to altitude sickness, Dornblaser was not able to go as far as he'd hoped, but he took some magnificent photographs, and says it was "one of the most emotional moments" in his life.



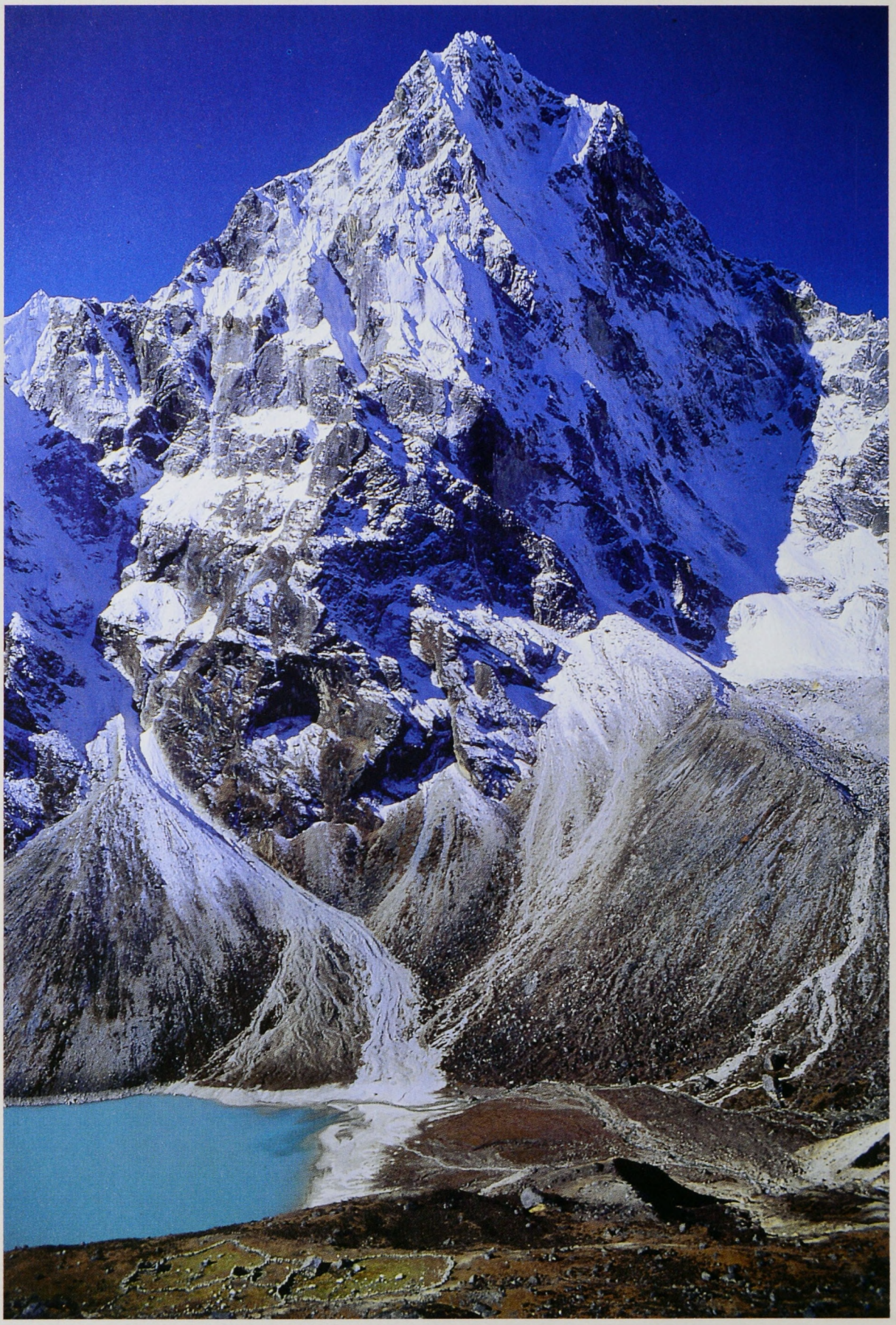
Sunrise behind Tamserku (21,700 ft.), lights up a rim of snow blowing off the summit.



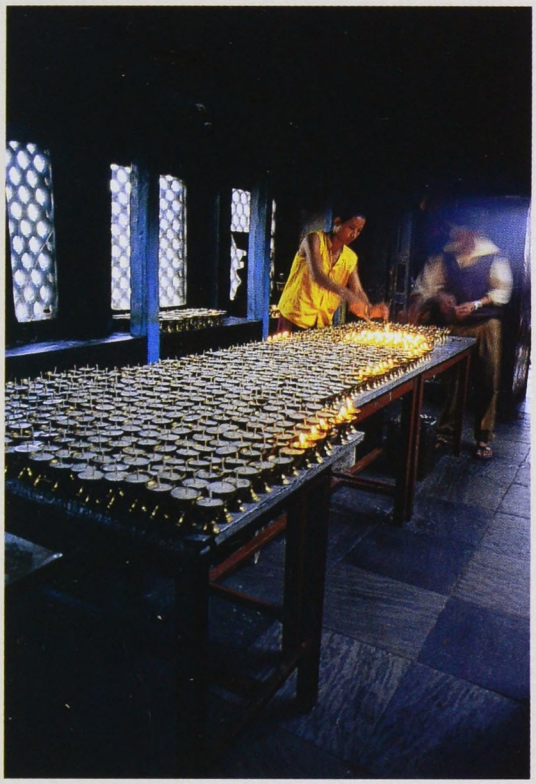
A *stupa* or *chorten*, a Buddhist shrine which frequently pops up on the trails. Tradition dictates that you circle them in a clockwise direction. The base is covered with *mani*, or prayer stones, probably hundreds of years old. The carvings repeat the mantra, "Om mani paadme hum," or "Hail to the jewel of the lotus." The peak of Kwangde Ri pokes out of the clouds in the back.

Photographs and captions by Mark Dornblaser '84

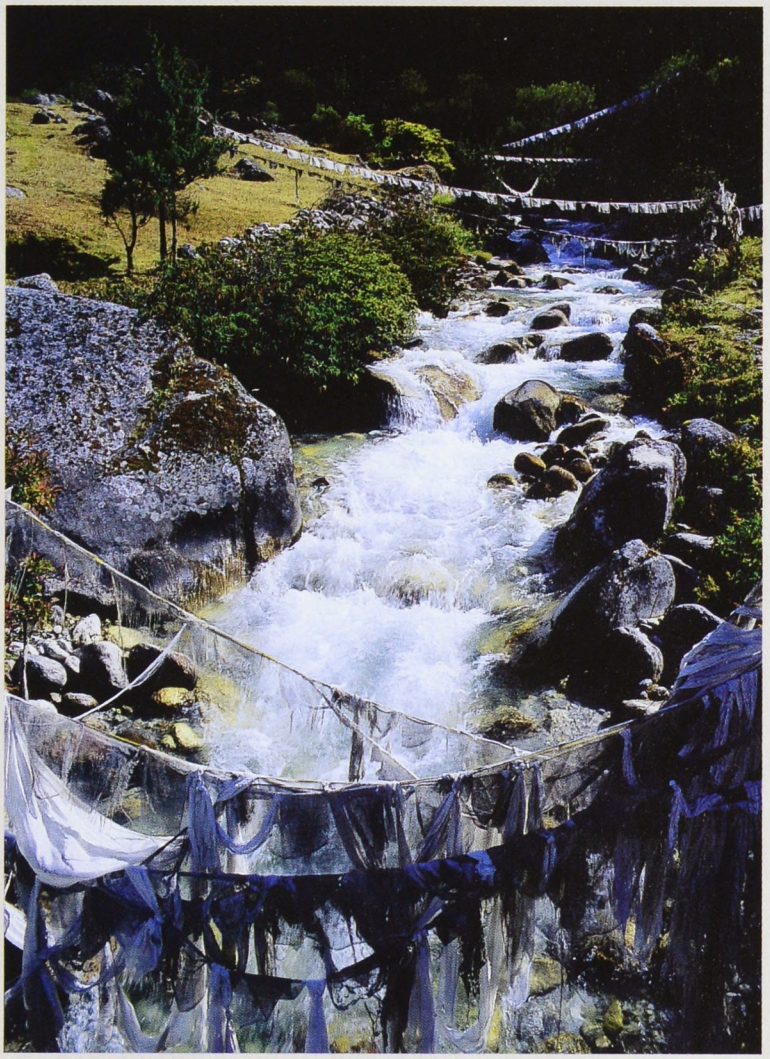
Stair-climbing, Himalayan style. Hiking distance is measured in hours, not miles, since all hiking is either up or down. Horizontal distance is somewhat irrelevant. When yaks come through, you hug the upside of the wall, so they don't accidentally push you over the edge.



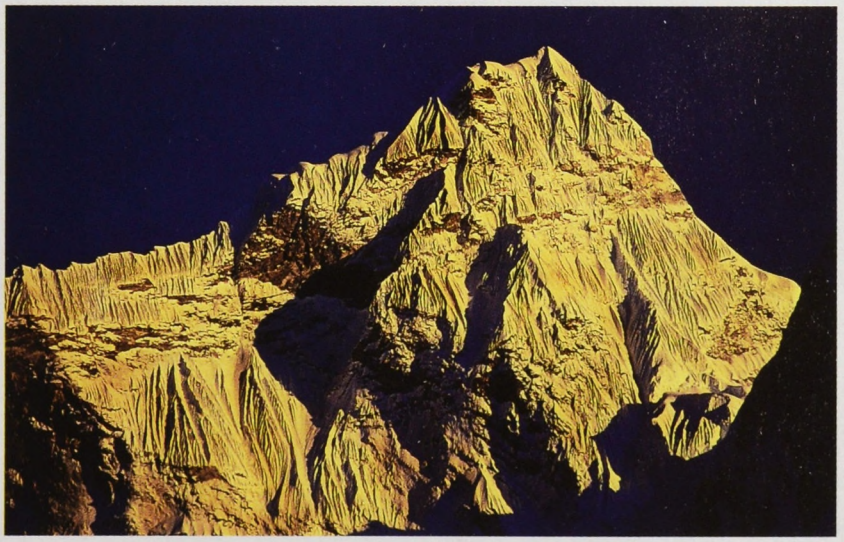
Cholotse (21,000 ft.) with Cholotse Village in the bottom foreground.



Monks lighting prayer candles, Swayambunath Temple, Katmandu. Most of the Nepalese in the cities and lower elevations are Hindu, while most of the Tibetan Sherpas in the mountains are Buddhist. There are similarities between the religions; however, this temple is Buddhist.



Looking like dirty laundry, these are actually prayer flags strung across a small stream. Sherpas hang prayer flags wherever it is windy, the idea being that the wind carries the written prayers to be shared by all.



Ama Dablam (22,500 ft.) at sunset; its steep face streaked with avalanche chutes.

Stephen

Photograph by Bob Handelman

Freeman

An Institutional Treasure

By Rachel Morton

As Middlebury looks forward to its 200th birthday, an equally impressive anniversary is at hand. On May 9, Stephen Freeman, who for three-quarters of a century has lived, breathed, and served Middlebury, will turn 100 years old.

While friends and relatives eagerly await the date, Freeman is now focusing on the year 2001, for then, he tells a visitor with a twinkle, he will be one of the few people able to claim they have lived through three centuries. His friends are rooting for him, and knowing his remarkable will and zest for life, few doubt the possibility that Stephen Freeman will live to see his 102nd birthday. Many just hope *they'll* hang on long enough to help him celebrate it.

Freeman's long and varied relationship with Middlebury College begins in 1925 when he arrived to teach French at the newly established French School. Since then he has taught for 38 years, directed the Language Schools for 24 years, served as vice president of the College for 20 years, and has been acting president on three separate occasions. He's equally as well known in the town, where he has been active in the public schools; in the Congregational Church and the Rotary; and he's only recently resigned his long-standing presidency of the Addison County Grammar School Association—an organization with deep roots in the town and the College.

To say that Freeman is something of an icon in this community is an understatement. Certainly his role in shaping the Language Schools is legend: he was instrumental in founding the Italian School in 1932, the Russian School in 1945, the Chinese School in 1966, and the Japanese School in 1970. Even today he is pressing for a language program in Hindi, and he keeps up with Language School activities and initiatives, including the recent innovations into modern technology. In the 1990s, when he heard that the Language Schools were developing multimedia labs, he insisted on seeing what it was all about. Clara Yu, then vice president for languages, recalled that he told her, " 'I was the one who made people talk to each other in foreign languages. What are you going to do with these machines?' So we showed him and he was thrilled."

A visitor to Freeman's house today would find much the same place, and much the same man, they might have encountered seven decades ago. He's still sharp, curious, and gracious—"an old-style gentleman," says Yu. Without too much coaxing, this gentleman can be persuaded to recollect his experiences at the College over the past 75 years, and, more often than not, they'll bring a smile and a comment like, "Loved it!" or "That was good fun!" One of his daughters, Caroline Jacobson, confirms that her father was "always upbeat and full of life. He had a tremendous curiosity about everything. We have all felt his extraordinary strength. He is *still* a man to be reckoned with."

"I hear when he was reigning he was a terror," laughs Yu, who counts herself as not only an admirer but a friend of Freeman. "Once he decided on doing something, he would forge ahead. He was reputed to have a temper, too, but I've never seen it myself."

He has mellowed, admits his other daughter, Hope Schultz, from the days when he was "intensely involved" with not only the education of Middlebury students, but with the education and lives of his three children. "He directed our lives very actively," says Schultz. "He had loads of advice, but he was wise and very caring; he let us go when he could see he had to." On the subject of his famous determination, she laughs and quotes one of his mottoes she remembers from her youth: "There are two ways of doing this: my way and the wrong way."

Stephen Freeman, right, and André Morize in 1936

"He has been a very dominant man in our lives. The extended family all feel his extraordinary strength. He is still a man to be reckoned with."

His way began May 9, 1898, when he was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the second of two boys, to Mary and Samuel Albert Freeman. His father, born on the Cape, was a letter carrier in Cambridge; his mother was a "feisty housewife" from Maine. Freeman entered Harvard in 1915, and with the aid of scholarships, graduated Phi Beta Kappa and double Summa Cum Laude in 1919. Two years into his college career World War I began and Freeman volunteered for naval aviation; he served as an instructor at Pensacola and did patrol and convoy work along the eastern seashore, hunting submarines. He still speaks with relish about his experiences as a young pilot and wears a pin on his lapel from his exploits in those days: "At the time people didn't think you could stay up in the air," he chuckles. Freeman is one of only five remaining World War I naval pilots alive today.

Physically, Freeman is still very active and independence continues to be the highest priority for him. "He is fiercely, fiercely independent," says Yu about the man who has stubbornly refused any suggestion that he leave his home for an "assisted living" residence and who still bridles about the fact that he had to give up driving recently. "Dependence on others really kills him," she adds. "If he doesn't need to take your hand, he won't."

Family and friends have tried to make his life within its old boundaries continue to be possible. Rugs are taped to the floor to avoid falls, someone comes in to help him with meals, a walker stands ready inside the door in case he needs the additional support as he walks around the house, and a small "lift" has been installed on the stairways to carry him to his bedroom on the second floor. After a recent small stroke, Yu says Freeman told her "the scariest thing was that he couldn't organize his thoughts. His greatest fear was losing his mental capability. That really frightened him. He was very, very relieved and glad that he regained both."

That he regained his full mental acuity and appetite for life was certainly in full evidence during the fall of 1997. After a long and tiring photo session, Freeman picked up a four-foot tall Indian horn that stood inside the front door of his house and challenged visitors to make a sound. Two supposedly vigorous middle-aged baby boomers attempted the task with barely a squeak. Freeman lifted the horn and with 99-year-old lungs produced a prodigious tone.

He still speaks of his happy years in this house with Ruth Freeman—"a perfectly marvelous wife. Splendid supporter in every way. I lost her in '83." He and his wife both loved to travel, and they carted their children around the world in the days when that wasn't common. "In 1931," Schultz reports, "we took six months through Europe, then when I was in eighth grade it was into Africa, trekking down through the sands of the Sahara and into Algeria and Morocco."

She laughs at the memory of a photograph taped onto the refrigerator—an image of her mother when she was in her eighties, a big smile on her face, sitting on the back of a camel in Mongolia. "They were really

adventurous people. I think that was when they were happiest." That and when Freeman was gardening in the backyard. He'd come home from the stress of the office, put on his "holey pants" and plunge his hands in the dirt. "He looked like the wreck of the Hesperus," laughs Don Schultz, Hope's husband, who thinks of Freeman as a father. "Big dirt. Big smile."

The Freeman home is full of mementos of a long, happy life—the end tables, the piano, and one full wall in the living room are fairly bristling with family photographs. Now that his children are retired, he is taking an equally active interest in the development of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "He has been a very dominant man in our lives," says Jacobson. "Not only the three of us but our children and grandchildren. I'm so glad to have had his influence in their lives."

There have been a lot of changes in this country during the years Freeman has been alive. He was one of the first airplane pilots. He remembers the first car he drove—his uncle's Stanley Steamer back in 1911: "You lighted a can of water that blew steam into the motor. It had a bench with two seats on top. You steered with a steering lever!"

And Middlebury, too, has changed considerably, though Freeman seems to love the modern Middlebury just as much as the small school that he first encountered in the twenties. "Middlebury can do no wrong," Schultz remarks. "Even though he's from elsewhere he is born again as far as Middlebury is concerned."

"I've been very happy with my associations with Middlebury," Freeman says modestly. Middlebury is more effusive about the 75-year love affair.

"He's an institutional treasure," says Clara Yu. ■

Freeman and the Language School

When Freeman arrived in Middlebury in 1925, charged with teaching French in the newly formed French School, he entered a field filled with change, dissension, and discussion.

Middlebury had offered training in languages 10 years before he arrived—German came first in 1915, then French in 1916, then Spanish in 1917. But the idea of teaching modern languages in colleges was a new one at the time and Middlebury was among the first to offer courses other than Greek and Latin. The way those modern languages were taught was a matter of much disagreement and discussion among scholars and teachers in the field. There were at least two schools of language pedagogy. The traditional method stressed grammar and reading, but many language pedagogues were espousing an innovative method, which encouraged *speaking* the language. At Middlebury, this innovative method was employed exclusively, and Middlebury was the first summer school where advanced students were required to speak the language both in class and out. "The requirement that they speak the foreign language was the fundamental requirement," Freeman says of the school's philosophy. "You're out if you don't speak the language."

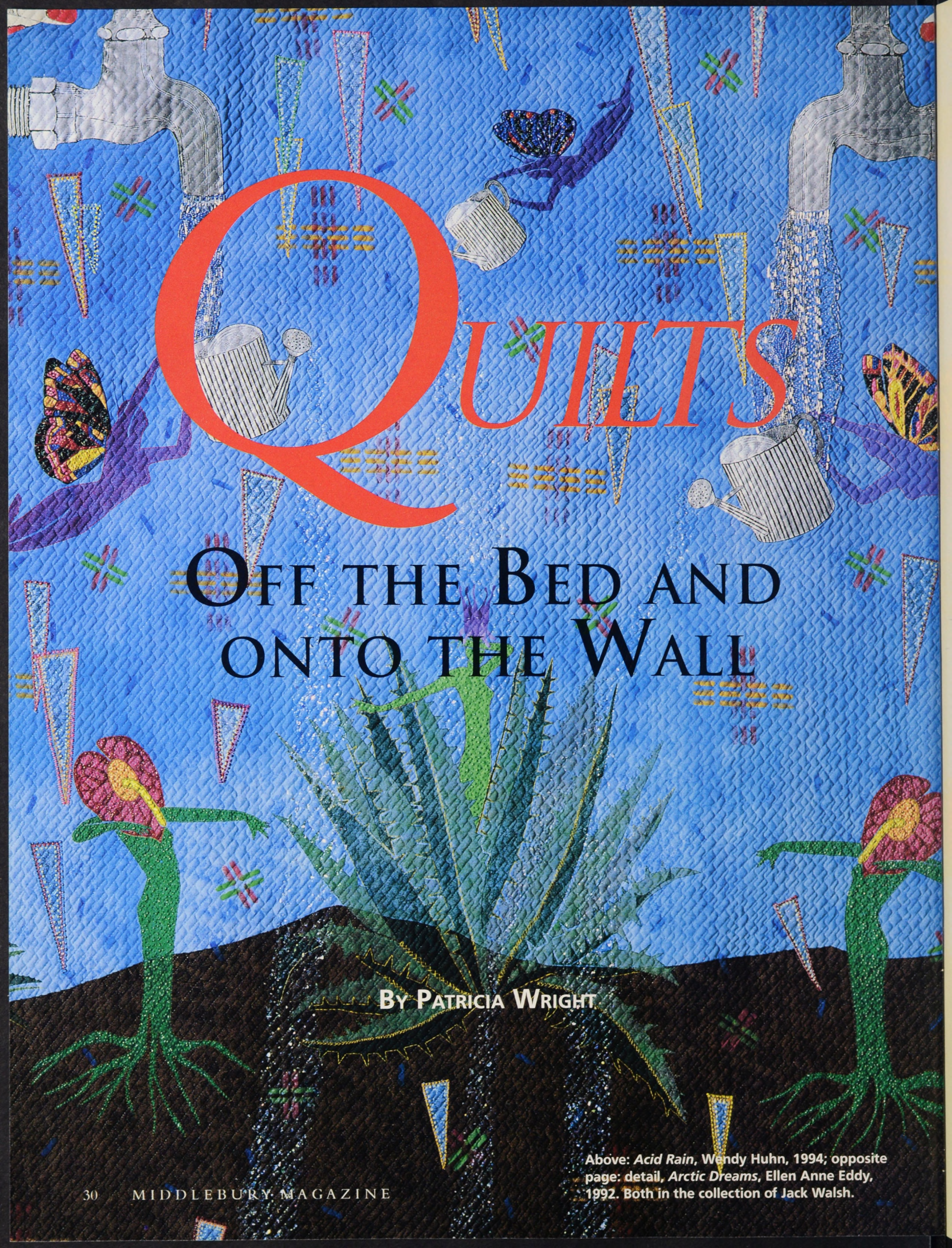
"The idea of immersion was something that was new in formal academic circles, " says Clara Yu, C.V. Starr Professor of Linguistics and Languages. "Placing emphasis on oral communication was new. We're only into the second decade of that now as a national trend."

Apparently from the beginning Middlebury's strict no-English rule "attracted quite a lot of attention," says Freeman, as did the curriculum's emphasis on spoken rather than read language. As Middlebury's reputation for languages grew, though, says Freeman, conflicts arose among the educators. Freeman puts succinctly what must have been a terribly chaotic and difficult time: "The teachers squabbled and they all resigned. So President Moody had a language school on his hands and no teachers." That's when Stephen Freeman arrived on the scene.

He was brought by his former Harvard professor, André Morize, who had been asked by President Moody to put summer school French teaching back on its feet. "Morize asked me to leave Brown and come up here," says Freeman. "I accepted his invitation; I expected to stay three years." That was 75 years ago.

The Language Schools that Freeman helped create attracted students who came to Middlebury to get fluency and use the spoken language in the classroom. In the early days, students came from New England and New York state. "Now we get students from all over," he says. "I think it came as a result of publicity after World War II. The spread of the Language Schools summer session brought winter students from all over the world."

The full history of what has become perhaps the most prestigious school for language study in the country can be found in Freeman's book *The Middlebury College Foreign Language School: The Story of a Unique Idea*. "I quit teaching fairly early but continued as administrator until Armstrong came. 'You can't stay on after me,' he said, so we both retired at the same time. But I put one over on him! I started writing the history of the Language Schools!" ■



Quilts

Off the Bed and onto the Wall

By Patricia Wright

Above: *Acid Rain*, Wendy Huhn, 1994; opposite page: detail, *Arctic Dreams*, Ellen Anne Eddy, 1992. Both in the collection of Jack Walsh.

The directions to Robert Shaw's northern Vermont home include a robust stretch of what he calls "your basic all-American strip." The architecture on his suburban street, with its raised-ranch and garrison-style houses, is generic 1960s neo-colonial. And inside the comfy but quite ordinary home he shares with his wife and two young daughters—although snowy views from the picture windows make it clear you're not in Tucson; and a whittled toy here, an Audubon print there, and a couple of guitars stashed behind an armchair suggest the presence of an antic spirit—you're very, very sure you're in modern America.

Photograph by Ken Burris

et a millimeter inside Robert Shaw's mind, however, and you're just as sure that wherever this guy lives is going to have an amazing mental attic. A career path that's surprised no one more than himself has made this former English major and erstwhile country-rock musician into an expert on American folk art. As such, he's got a head, if not a house, full of pickle crocks, tinware, wooden ducks, weathervanes, ox harnesses, handsaws, egg baskets, tavern signs, and we don't know what else, except definitely this year, piles of quilts.

Quilts must top any mental inventory we imagine for Shaw this year because of the recent publication of his remarkable seventh book, *The Art Quilt*, a silk-gowned bruiser of a volume, which, at seven pounds, is not for the spindly coffee table; and which, more substantively, is fairly described as a "ground breaker," providing, as it does, the first full-scale survey of a media that, in its sophisticated, self-conscious, modern form, is but a few decades old.

So how did a self-proclaimed "sixties kid" who "never had a life plan" and "never gave a thought" to what he was going to do with himself except keep on reading Blake and playing the guitar, end up as a world authority on art quilts—not to mention the folk-art tradition, of which he was virtually ignorant in 1979? In three words: The Shelburne Museum. Shaw's life got organized for him in 1980 by that world-class attic of democratic material culture which was just getting itself organized in its present form by hiring its first professional director—a risk taker, says Shaw, who, among other risks, hired him.

HIS REMARKABLE SEVENTH BOOK, THE ART QUILT, IS A SILK-GOWNED BRUISER OF A VOLUME, WHICH, AT SEVEN POUNDS, IS NOT FOR THE SPINDLY COFFEE TABLE.

Joining the museum as a staff writer, charged with writing whatever needed to be written, Shaw had a chance "to grab and learn whatever I wanted to grab and learn" from folk-art collections of exceptional abundance, excellence, and variety. Some sections, like the bird-decoy

Top right: detail, *Arctic Dreams*, Ellen Anne Eddy, 1992; above: *Opening Palm*, Nancy Whittington, 1993

***Letting Go*, Miriam Nathan-Roberts, 1985**

collection, to which he homed like a retriever, are the best of their kind in the world. Since one of his first projects was to write a history of the museum and its holdings, Shaw had "to get my own head around a lot of material fast" and in ways that would set his course as a writer—to fix that new knowledge by figuring out how to convey it to others.

Shaw spent 14 years at the Shelburne Museum, half of it as the curator. In that capacity, he could communicate with the thousands of people who visit the museum each year, and hundreds of thousands more through such projects as the landmark American Sampler Folk Art Catalog and Exhibition—organized and toured by the National Gallery in 1987, to which he was a key contributor. He was an acknowledged expert on decoys in particular.

In short, he had a job that plenty of trained art historians would claw for. Properly visceral, therefore, is Shaw's reason for giving it up: By the early nineties he

was, he says, "wild to write book"—more books, more steadily, than he could as a full-time curator. When opportunity knocked in the form of an offer from art-book publisher Hugh Levin, he embraced it as ardently as he had immersed himself in the Shelburne's collections.

Thus began a remarkable spate of Shaw/Levin projects, the sheer weight of which—about 35 pounds, the author estimates—permit him to perform a slight stage stagger as he hauls them into the living room for a visitor to see. Starting with *America's Traditional Crafts*, a heavy-weight survey published while he was still at the museum in 1993, the titles include the 1995 *Quilts, A Living Tradition*, the 1996 *Hawaiian Quilt Masterpieces*, and the 1997 *Great Guitars* ("That was my idea," says Shaw). In November these volumes were joined by *The Art Quilt*, and a book about baskets, from Clarkson Potter rather than Levin, will be added to the stack next year.

Every form and every genre, Shaw has discovered, represents a little world. In his early days of delving into the quirky and particular world of bird decoys, he found himself entranced, not only by objects but by collectors: "The chance to connect with that kind of passion, craziness, and obsession really charged me up," he says. Similarly with the lush and circumscribed world of quilts, which, as a rebounding craft and an increasingly self-conscious art, has expanding, contentious, and excitable coteries of collectors and contemporary practitioners to get to know. Shaw has gotten to know them—largely long-distance, mind you; he estimates that he looked at some 6,000 slides for this project and logged uncounted telephone and correspondence hours—but can praise them, nonetheless, as "extraordinary, fascinating people, *bright* people, *passionate* people."

They have to be. Quilters are like poets; their world is busy, populous, and commercially insignificant. Functional quilting for bed coverings and clothing is, of course, an ancient activity. An astounding number of people living today (seven million in this country, two million in Japan, Shaw estimates) involve themselves in one way or another in the traditional business of sandwiching an insulating layer between two pieces of cloth. But the number who make a living at it is minuscule, and most of those, notes Shaw, depend for their livelihood on teaching or selling supplies to others.

Further distinctions may be made among traditional quilters, hobby quilters, and the new breed of "art quilters": aesthetically ambitious and self-conscious practitioners whose quilts are typically destined not for the bed but for the wall. Of these, Shaw says, there are only five or six hundred in the world. About a third are represented in *The Art Quilt*.

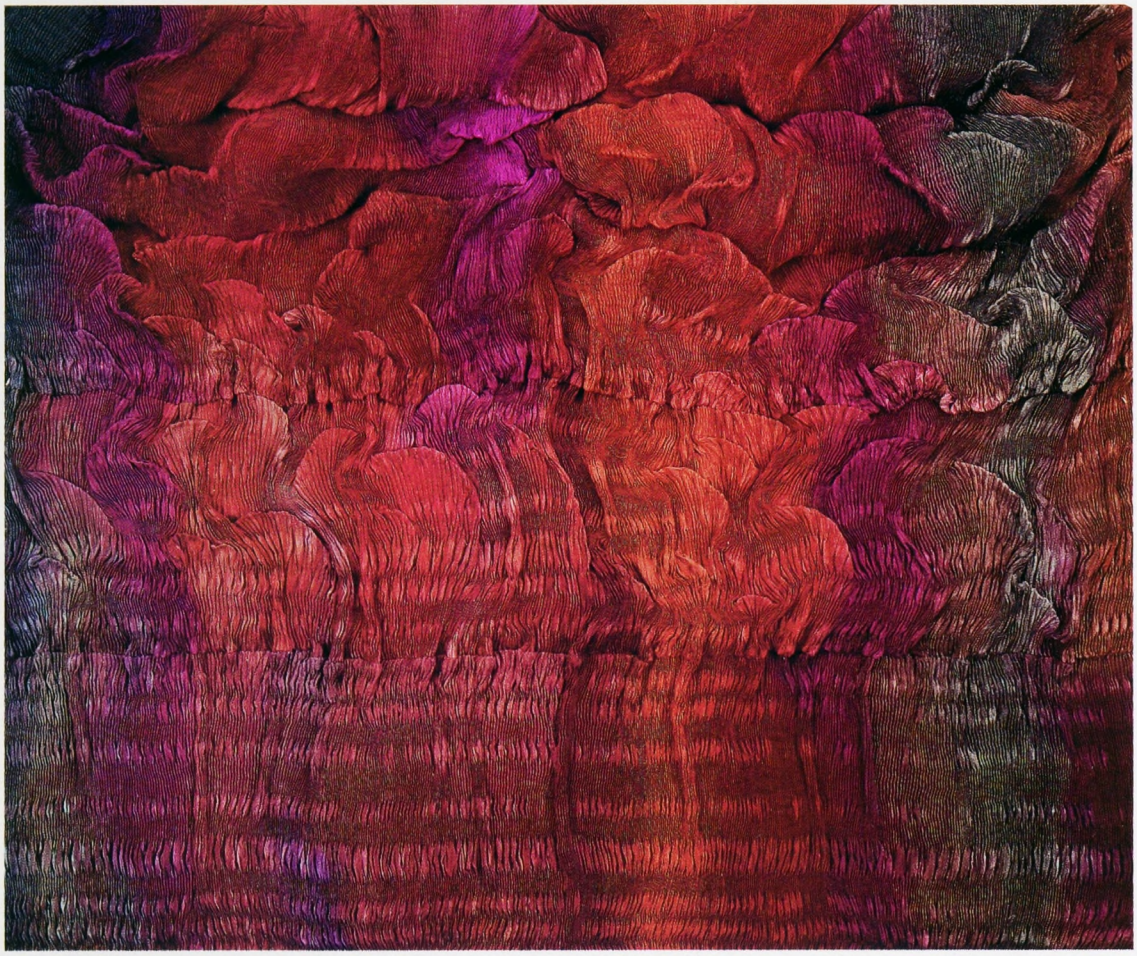
And what a sensational lot these art quilters are—and how well-served (for readers ranging from the page-flipping dilettante to the gimlet-eyed devotee) by the succulent full-color photographs that lavishly lard a substantial text. Substantial but, arguably, secondary: Shaw professes to be undismayed by the probability that his elaborately sifted and organized information will be ignored by many who use his book. "I'm a visual person myself," he says. "If I'm not interested in an object on a visual level, I'm not interested at all."

So if his book is "first and foremost a visual feast, so be it," he says. It needs to be said, though, that his text is an extremely credible accomplishment. While Shaw's formal education ended with his English B.A., and so far, as he bothers to mention, he's never taken an art history course, the analysis in this book—historical, biographical, technical, and critical—demonstrates his right to the title of "art historian" now used in his press materials.

***King of Spades*, Deidre Scherer, 1994**

In his role as historian of this budding genre, Shaw devotes some pages to the grandmotherly arts of traditional quilting, presenting objects of such charismatic integrity that the reader makes a mental note to find his earlier books and take a good long visual soak in the traditional material. He also pays attention to second-wave-feminist foremothers, such as Miriam Shapiro, Faith Ringgold, and Judy Chicago, whose allusions to the traditionally female craft provided important precedents for the new art quilters.

He mentions the guys, too—the predominantly male, now mainstream, modern art



***Reef I/Coral*, Ardyth Davis, 1996**

tradition, from Rothko to Rauschenburg, with its lessons of abstraction, conceptualism, and (often unadmitted) decorative value. And, as noted, he even surveys the lexicon of techniques—the stitching, piecing, painting, dyeing, photo-transfer, assemblage and so on—in which the new quilters express themselves.

None of this detail, fortunately, ever threatens to sink its sensuous subject. Through all the scholarly sorting of the genre by type and treatment, the focus remains the spectacular chromatics and textures and imagery of the quilts themselves. This is partly because the running text is interrupted by hundreds of tempting bits and bites of sidebar and caption. But mostly it's because there are large and opulent photographs on every page. This supersensory approach is the one Shaw has used for all his projects. It is a curator's approach, an object-lover's approach. It is clear, as Shaw discusses the bangles and beads and bells and whistles of various art quilts, that he enjoys them immensely.

Interestingly, though—and quite in line, when you think about it, with the less-than-supersensory nature of his personal surroundings—the two quilts Shaw and his wife have taken into their own home are not art, but Amish. The art quilts Shaw most loves personally are those that best "make use of the connection" with the ancestor craft. And he cites with particular empathy a temperamental feature he found characteristic of the quilters he got to know in the course of this project: Far from being frustrated by the stitch-by-stitch nature of their medium, in which even the most productive practitioners are lucky to complete four or five quilts a year, they revel in it.

Shaw can identify with this aspect of the quilter's craft, one senses, especially after three years of uninterrupted devotion to his own—a devotion he's considering breaking now, in favor of larger and more regular paychecks, but which he says he's found deeply gratifying and which he's certainly made productive.

"They *like* that it takes that long," says this practitioner of a word-by-word, book-a-year art. "They love the tactile nature of it, the way it feels more immediate than paint—there's no brush between you and the material—and yet avoids the facile nature of a liquid or plastic medium."

"That was one of the original meanings of quilting, you know. It demands that investment of time." ■

Patricia Wright is the editor of UMass Magazine.

The Drive to Run

The top-rated Division III runner in New England doesn't feign modesty or surprise or need to credit acts of God or fate to explain her phenomenal success this year. Katy Massalem (inset photograph) has worked hard for the honors she is receiving, and according to those who've watched her development as a runner, this young woman deserves all the acclaim she gets.

The senior from Needham, Massachusetts has wrapped up her running career at Midd by winning the Albany Invitational, the Williams Invitational, the New England Regional Championship, and she took a third at NESCAC. To top it off, she was recently named Vermont State Cross-Country Athlete of the Year by *New England Runner Magazine*.

While she has put in a lot of time and a lot of sweat to get this far, she is the first to admit that to really make it in this sport, "You have to have good genes, a good coach, and you have to be driven."

She must have the genes—she remembers her father taking her to the track when she was just a little girl and telling her that she would be a runner. She's definitely got the coach—Terry Aldrich was named New England Coach of the Year for women's cross-country.

And as for being driven, Massalem admits: "I'm addicted to running. You never know when you've reached your potential. It's amazing how far you can push yourself." The joint biochemistry-Spanish major puts running above everything except school work. This summer when she was preparing for the start of cross-country season, she ran about 60 miles a week, plus did speed intervals. It's lot of mileage, she admits. "But I just love it. There are no limits in distance running."

Pushing herself seems to be Massalem's style. She runs every day, regardless of the weather, regardless of whether she feels like it. "You have to be consistent about training. If you don't follow what you set out to do,

Top photograph by Bob Handelman; inset photograph by Alan Jakubek

you lose the edge, the mental edge. You can lose it so quickly."

Every year she has gotten better, faster, stronger. Her freshman year she was 62nd at the NCAAs, sophomore year—42nd, junior year—24th, this year—13th. According to coach Terry Aldrich, "She has improved every year by asking more of herself and then delivering." Her relentless focus on strength and speed have also had an effect on the team as a whole.

"The unity of our team was so good this year," she says. "This year everyone ran well." The terrible New England weather turned out to be a real boon to the hardy Panthers. "Having the NCAAs in New England was an advantage for us. Our team is good in harsh conditions. It's so hilly here—Chipman Hill is the hardest workout we do all year." So when they faced a foot of snow during the NCAA qualifier in Gorham, Maine—no problem. "Midd won, which was huge, because we hadn't beaten Williams before." Then the Nationals in Boston—sleet, rain, under 30 degrees. "Amazing, we were 17th last year, this year we made third."

Perhaps one of the most difficult challenges Massalem will face is the fact that her running career is essentially over at the end of this semester. Her plan is to get a teaching job at an independent school for a year or so. Then she hopes to go to medical school where her interests point in the direction of pediatrics and oncology.

As for running, Massalem has no intention of stopping. Not when it makes her feel so good. "For me running is so satisfying; it's just a release. I feel better after I run. I can focus more on my work." In fact, she is looking forward to trying a marathon next year, and she may join a running club and do track. "I do plan to keep it a part of my life, but just not as intense." ■

FALL SPORTS STANDOUTS

Middlebury once again enjoyed a successful fall sports season. The highlight of the fall was the women's cross-country team, which placed a school-best third overall at the NCAA Championships. The team also won the ECAC and NCAA New England Regional Championships.

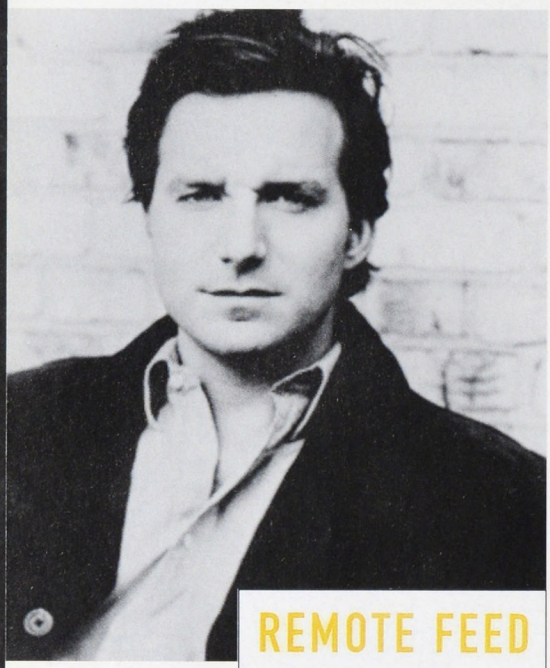
The women's soccer team also had a great fall season, making its first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. Not only did the team make an appearance, it advanced to the NCAA Quarterfinals before being eliminated from the tournament. The Panthers finished the season setting the school record for most wins in a season with 13.

The Panther field hockey team enjoyed a 13-4 season, capturing its second ECAC Championship. The team is led by two-time All-American Heidi Howard who was named the ECAC Tournament MVP.

The men's soccer team made its fourth straight NCAA Tournament appearance and was eliminated in the first round on penalty kicks. The team ended its season with a record of 10-4-1.

The women's volleyball team enjoyed its best season since becoming a varsity sport four years ago. The team enjoyed a school-best 26-4 record while capturing the NESCAC Championship. The Panthers also made their first-ever post-season appearance as they advanced to the ECAC Tournament. ■

By Rachel Morton



A Collection of the Hilarious and Horrific

Though this is his first published book, David Gilbert '90 has been entertaining and unnerving readers for some time now. Several of these stories first appeared in *The New Yorker* and *Harper's*, and this, his first volume of collected stories, has been eagerly awaited.

Gilbert's stories are sometimes hilarious, sometimes horrific, most often both at once. Just take a random stroll through *Remote Feed*, and here's what you find.

A woman stands naked on her balcony in "Still in Motion," and with a Ruger 10/22 rifle shoots starlings:

> . . . the Nazis of the bird world, their sleek plumage SS black leather, their song Nuremberg cheers, their attitude all blitzkrieg. They land on the perches and poke their beaks inside with Gestapo-like tactics—*tseer, tseer*—then seize the nests of the defenseless and fling out the flightless chicks with irrepressible zeal.

"Graffiti," which appeared in *The New Yorker* is a menacing tale about a man who reads *Adam Bede* to an attractive, bitter, middle-aged blind woman:

> Soon, I began to change the story, at first bit by bit. Adam Bede loosens up, enjoying a laugh in the middle of stern pronouncements. *'It smells very sweet,' he said; 'those stripped uns have no smell. Stick it up your frock and it will smell a plenty, and then you can put it in water after.'* Mrs. Freninger didn't seem to notice. After a while, I made up whole paragraphs, introduced new characters, and, in general, caused chaos in the tiny village of Hayslope. Only once did she ever question anything.
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> "Victor."
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> "Yes," I said.
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> "Is there really a character named Dinah Shore?"
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> "Yes."
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> "I hated Dinah Shore, the singer Dinah Shore, not the young Methodist preacher. She I like. But the singer, too sunny." . . . At our next reading, with the tape player on, I began to write notes to Mrs. Freninger along the baseboards, in the corner, on sills. *Please recycle. Free Tibet. Down with meat.* I wrote my words in a crimped hand, the letters blocked and unidentifiable. . . .
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> "I hope you don't mind me moving, I need to stretch my legs."
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> "No, not at all."

In "At the Deja Vu" a man walks, with dismay, to his assigned seat on an airplane:

> I was sitting in the way back of the airplane, in the seats that can't recline, across from the bank of narrow bathroom stalls, a sweet odor of antiseptic blue water wafting out with each entry and exit. A very bad situation. Now add babies. A slew of them surrounded me, all newborns, wrapped so that they

Photograph of David Gilbert by Frick Beyers

resembled linen props in a Broadway play. Their crying was incredible. I could hear them in first class, but from that distance and in that atmosphere of civilized travel I mistook them for some sort of pneumatic device employed to restock the galley. As I got closer, I recognized the baldly human quality of the noise. I trudged forward, my boarding pass held out in front of me, and I stared at its high number like a gambler who knows his horse is a loser after the first furlong. I said, "Shit," just above a whisper, envying those in front of me who broke left or right, cashing out, while I continued forward, busted. 46C. I stopped. The eight women who held the eight babies smiled at me. . . . I said goodbye to the flight crew who stood by the cockpit in a thanks-for-flying tableau. "Nice landing," I said to the pilot as if I were Chuck Yeager. And after the solitary walk through the jet-way, the colon of transportation, I was flushed into the swirl of the terminal. . . .

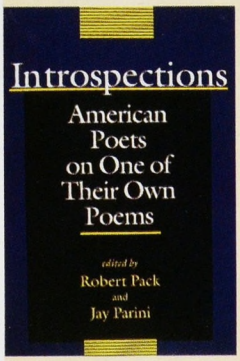
Plumbing similar depths, "Girl With Large Foot Jumping Rope" is a rather sweet story about a father and his young son with the unlikely focus of catharsis being a plugged toilet and a plunger:

. . . We're in front of the bathroom door. It's closed. Taped to the door is one of his colorful drawings of a military airdrop. Stick-figure paratroopers hang in a flak-filled sky. They're huge, much bigger than the plane they've jumped from, and this lack of perspective seems to have cost them their lives. Death comes with a red crayon.

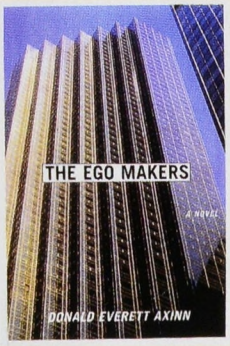
"I'm not going to be mad," I say to Josh. "I love you." I grab for the door knob, and I must admit this feeling of suspense settles in my gut. Turds, I'm thinking, are there going to be turds? I imagine them floating near the lip of the toilet bowl, my son's turds, and maybe a few of them have slipped over the side like barrels over Niagara Falls. . . . ■

ALSO NOTED

Introspections: American Poets on One of Their Own Poems *edited by Robert Pack and Jay Parini* (University Press of New England, 1997): Poets write about their own works—the creative process, the evolution of a poem, a word-by-word analysis—each poet has a unique slant on this interesting assignment. The result is a wonderfully illuminating perspective on the poem, the poet, and the act of writing. *Introspections* joins eight other anthologies that Pack and Parini (both poets and scholars themselves) have edited for this press.

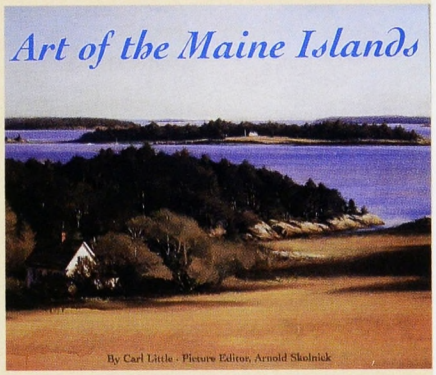


The Ego Makers *by Donald Everett Axinn '51* (Arcade Publishing, 1997): A novel about the big egos, big corporate deals, and big betrayals that are part of the modern world of real estate development. Told by real estate developer and poet Axinn with energy and skill.

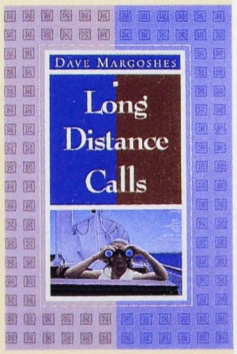


Leading a Human Life: Wittgenstein, Intentionality, and Romanticism by *Richard Eldridge* '75 (The University of Chicago Press, 1997): According to UC-Berkeley's Charles Altieri, "Eldridge's book is the boldest and deepest account yet of Wittgenstein's relation to the Romantic strain in German culture. Eldridge is a professor of philosophy at Swarthmore.

Art of the Maine Islands *by Carl Little, M.A. French '86, Picture Editor Arnold Skolnick* (DownEast Books, 1997): Carl Little provides text for this beautiful book of 75 paintings of Maine by 66 artists, including George Bellows, Rockwell Kent, Jamie Wyeth, Marguerite Zorach and others. Little is author of books about Edward Hopper, Winslow Homer, and others, and he is director of public affairs at College of the Atlantic.



Long Distance Calls *by David Margoshes '63* (Coteau Books, Saskatchewan, Canada): The stories in this fine collection cover a lot of territory: a child sets fire to his bed, an adopted woman searches for her birth mother, a draft-age man on his way to Canada stops off at a summer camp in Vermont, a 72-year-old man finds his long-lost true love. Margoshes is the author of two other short story collections, two collections of poetry, and is winner of the the 1996 Stephen Leacock Award for Poetry. ■



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1925

Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

We regret to report the death of **Elizabeth Smith Lewis** on May 9, 1997. She prepared for college at the Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, MA, and graduated from Boston Univ., after leaving Middlebury due to illness in 1923. A memorial appeared in the fall issue. ■ We also send the sympathy of the class to the family of **Donald R. Banks**, who died on September 30, 1997. He was our class secretary for many years and served the College in countless other capacities. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1926

Please send your news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, *Middlebury, VT 05753.*

1927

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We regret to report the death of **Julia (Judy) Austin** on October 25, 1997. A strong supporter of Middlebury college through the years, she was the recipient of an Alumni Plaque in 1977. ■ We are also sad to report the death of **David H. Williams** on December 25. Condolences go to his wife, Gertrude, daughter Mary Williams-Norton, and son Alan D. Williams. Our thanks to Mary for writing: "Dad was always proud of his academic success at Middlebury—he wore his Phi Beta Kappa key on many special occasions—and the liberal education he received there was a source of pleasure throughout his life. Of course he was the major inspiration for the intellectual development of my brother and me—we have Ph.D.s in chemistry and physics respectively—and my inspiration to pursue a career in science education. [Mary teaches physics and astronomy at Ripon College in WI.] Surely this is in part a legacy of his Middlebury College education." ■ We are grateful to Frank Grimes for letting us know of the death of his mother, **Lucile Norton Grimes**, on January 5, 1998. Memorials for all three of these classmates appear elsewhere in this issue.

1928

Reunion Class

Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

As I write, watching the snowflakes, I can see a white panther magnet, reminding me of our 70th Reunion, May 29-31, a nice climate contrast. At that time, **Del Lardner**'s inspiration, our Old Chapel Banner, will appear miraculously and if some of us appear to see it, that also will be miraculous. Bell Atlantic helped me get in touch this time. ■ Dr. **John Hoyt** is happy to be driving in his Lancaster, PA, area. Being a mathematician, he has a 60-mile limit to his adventures. In fact, anything mathematical gives him pleasure. His telephone number at Homestead Village is 717/299-5886. In case you have the blue sheet directory, 259 is incorrect. ■ However, **Eva Marshall Douglas**'s number (904/284-8612) works beautifully and she enjoys calls. She is happy at Beyer House, where she receives great care. Her 90th birthday gift was a trip to Vancouver, BC, to visit a son and his family. And just before we spoke, her St. Louis family had visited her. Expect more poetry from Eva. Call her. ■ **Zella Cole Hibbert**, at Essex Meadows, has no present plans to attend our reunion. She is really enjoying having daughter Susan nearby. ■ **Ruth Simmons Dinkel** keeps track of all Middlebury folks in the Concord, NH, area. She remembered Ruth Sturtevant Pierce '30. (Her son had given me Ruth's address in MI and she sends greetings.) By the way, Ruth Dinkel enjoys calls, but don't call early in the morning! ■ **Ed (Hank) Ferry** is doing lots of reading. I trust that Concord's Doris Kearns Goodwin's memoir *Wait Till Next Year* was on his Christmas list, and on that of any Brooklyn Dodgers lovers. I'm one. ■ I regret the death of Priscilla March '31 in a recent auto accident. I have had the pleasure of working with her through the years, in the MA Federation of Women's Clubs and in reading the column she wrote as class secretary for the *Middlebury Magazine*. She was devoted to Middlebury. ■ Pressing numbers and looking forward to May.

1929

Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

Morris T. "Johnnie" Johnson enjoys living in Batavia, Genesee County, western NY—"the best place to live in the United States," as he puts it. Johnnie writes that he turned 91 years of age on Columbus Day, October 12. ■ We regret to report the death of **Warren R. Witt** on August 21. We send the sympathy of the class to his wife, **Isabel Holt Witt**, daughter Priscilla Witt Hood '64, and all the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1930

Please send your news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, *Middlebury, VT 05753.*

This year's recipient of the Class of 1930 Scholarship is a sophomore English major who was a College Scholar last spring term. For the last fiscal year (ending June 30, 1997), our Class Scholarship Fund had a book value of $35,340.82 and a market value of $206,694.27.

1931

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Spencer E. Norton (Ellen Kellogg), 27 S. Water St., Vergennes, VT 05491; and Mr. Walton T. Crocker, Ocean View Apt. 218, 52 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105.*

The sympathy of the class goes out to **Phil Bates** and his wife on the death of their son, David E. Bates '58, on April 30,

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1997. Phil writes: "He would have been 62 on May 3. He is survived by his wife and four sons. David led a very busy life of many interests. He was a vice president and director of Willamette Industries." A memorial appeared in the fall issue. ■ In other news: **Mary Stolte Toomey** spent her summer hours on Hooper Golf Course and at wonderful concerts at the Grafton Tavern. She was looking forward to her first VT winter in 25 years. Of her home she writes: "Sugar House is snug and we'll have to see what kind of whiz-ski appeals."

1932

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 133 Laurence St., Embury 28W, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.*

A nostalgic note from **Evelyn Clement Green** tells us, "I recently enjoyed an ice-cream soda at Joe Calvi's." ■ In September, **Alice Cady Russell** entered two paintings in the Columbus (OH) Senior Hobby Show. "My two charming pigs were awarded an 'Exceptional' purple ribbon, but my oil of white poppies (Purity) not only won Best of Show in the oil painting category, but the People's Choice award for the whole show." At a humanities meeting studying the history of OH, Alice's presentation was well received. She outlined the development of a small village to the city of about 40,000 where she lived from 1953 to 1990. Her Thanksgiving presentation was "Imps and Broomsticks," the history of witchcraft from prehistory to her ancestress, Susannah Martin, who was convicted of being a witch and hanged in Salem, MA, in August of 1692. ■ The Class of 1932 sends condolences to **Bill Dorn**. His wife, Barbara, died on October 9, while awaiting an operation. ■ **Elsa Smith Beardsley** writes that she is "still hoping to hear and see a wonderful 200-year history of Middlebury College in the year 2000." She points out that Middlebury isn't "a Johnny-come-lately" like husband Whit's college, founded in 1828, McKindree College in Lebanon, IL. ■ After winning a Nobel Prize in physics this fall, physicist Steven Chu (of Stanford Univ.) paid tribute to one our classmates. Steven spoke fondly in the press of taking two years of physics at Garden City (NJ) High School with the late **Thomas Miner**, whom he described as "a terrific teacher."

1933

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretary: *Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757 (352/735-5761).*

The sympathy of the class goes to **Richard Roberts**, whose wife of 57 years passed away as a result of a brain tumor. Bucky keeps in touch with **Boyd Brown, Doug Short**, and **Aaron Schefkind** at holiday time. ■ We also regret to report the death of **Ralph N. Huse** on November 2. As an undergraduate, he was advertising manager of the *Kaleidoscope*, a member of the College Glee Club, and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. We send condolences to his family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Our 65th Reunion is just around the corner, but there's still time for those of you who haven't made the decision to come back to do so! Mark May 29-31 on your calendar TODAY. **Marian Ball Davidson** has indicated that she will attend, and several others are "on the fence," including **Richard L. Allen, M. Boyd Brown, Faith Kellogg Dailey, Lyle Glazier, Rollin E. Pratt**, and **Aaron Schefkind**. So make your travel arrangements and return to Middlebury to enjoy the company of old and new friends, the beauty of the campus in late spring, and the many other activities planned for the weekend for your pleasure.

1934

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhowdon Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

We regret to report the death of **Colin C. Woodfall** on July 18, 1997. A memorial appeared in the fall issue.

1935

Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

While **Natalie Dunsmoor** was at Middlebury, she had a wonderful visit with Dr. Freeman and was pleased he had recovered so well from the stroke. She has made several trips to PA because of the serious illness of her older sister. ■ Like most of us, **Jean Wiley Zwickel** has replaced travel with letter writing. She and husband Abe rely on son Daniel to resolve some of the problems that pop up as we grow older. ■ **Doris Anderson Carlson** has been busy caring for husband Eric, who had hip replacement and extensive therapy. She still had time to play for a sing-along group and attend a book discussion group. She was glad to see **Betty Coley Congdon** at dinner one evening. ■ **Harry Emmons** says "AZ is a really great place for retired sun worshippers—more good things to do than when working in New York." Harry lives in Sun City, AZ. ■ Your co-class secretary **Alma Davis Struble** has a Christmas tree farm. On November 5 she sold the first Christmas tree of the season!

1936

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Ret Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, Beaver Meadow Village, 21 Piscataqua Rd., Concord, NH 03301.*

*It is with great sadness that we must report the death of **Richard Dempewolff** on December 30, 1997. The column for this issue was prepared by Dick, with his usual meticulous care. A memorial service was held on January 10, 1998. The sympathy of the College and Class of 1936 goes out to his family. Our thanks to **Angus Brooks** for agreeing to help out with news for 1936 in the coming issues.*

College Librarian Ronald Rucker tells us that income from '36's 40th Reunion Book Fund purchased 40 volumes this year. ■ **Frances Whitwell Broad** now lives in Fayetteville, NY, in a retirement home where she owns her own room, has a central meal service, and planned activities. She keeps busy with volunteer work at the library and gardening at the state Historic Site in Cazenovia. ■ **Louise Hutchinson** spent the warm months in Bradford, VT, near her sister. She winters in Concord, NH, where she keeps in touch with **Gus Brooks** and Katie, and **Fran Wilkinson Russ**. She's not planning on Myrtle Beach this winter. ■ **Mal Gross** and wife Esther have moved to a retirement center in Naples, FL, where they discovered that Don Westin '38 is a neighbor. ■ **Josephine Anderson Michaud** stopped by to see **Louise Hutchinson** last summer. She's not about to give up her home in Alden, NY, and still works in her vegetable and flower gardens. ■ **Frank Boyce**'s 13 descendants (including eight grandchildren) were all on board together in July. He writes, "My son gave me a T-shirt reading 'eat, sleep, golf' and that about sums it up. He reads "intrigue and mystery stories—nothing I have to think about." ■ Plans called for **Aggie Harris Taylor** to fly to CA at the end of October with **Maggie Leach Harris** for a visit with Maggie's brother, followed by a Panama Canal cruise to FL. ■ Katie and **Gus Brooks** made a trip to Middlebury to see Red Harris '37, who was recently hospitalized. Gus says they have been busy with church affairs and visiting friends, and that Katie's health has improved in some directions. ■ **Harmony Buell Cobb** reports that **Velma Sutliffe Francis** visited Cape Cod in July and that she and Ray had lunch with her in Provincetown. In August, they lunched with **Gus Brooks** and Katie in Concord before going to see **Virginia Phillips Whitney** in Blue Hill, ME, and attending weddings of grandchildren in PA. ■ **Stan Gage** got to ski for nothing in UT, because he was over 80, but reports that he didn't wear out the lifts. He's still volunteering at Midd's hospital and Red Cross. ■ **Virginia Rich Woodman** had lunch last August with **Eleanore Cobb Lee** and husband in Bethesda, MD, along with **Barbara Lyons Steele,** who was down there visiting son Jeff. They had a real Midd gab fest. ■ **Mart Tierney** and wife Karline are leaving CT this winter to take up residence at Charlestown Retirement Center in Cantonsville, MD. They'll be joining 2,500 retirees. Facilities include "education, exercise, hobbies, and health care at all levels. Everything covered but the telephone." ■ **Isabel Kinney Frakie** broke a femur up close to the hip last spring and spent a miserable summer working her way up, finally, to using only a cane. Her plans called for a sojourn in AZ instead of FL during winter months this year. ■ **Betty Lawton Wilhelm** and her husband are in an assisted living facility in Ft. Meyers, FL. Betty considers herself fortunate, despite the fact that she has a vision problem and uses a walker to get around. ■ **Dick Chase** and **Mary Williams Brackett** visited Midd in September to accept the Bob Leonard Annual Giving Participation Award. This year, thanks to members, '36 shared the award with '37 for a 77 percent participation. Dick reports joining in 28 band concerts last summer, plus six or eight through Christmas. His plans called for breaking a record of 13,044 lighted jack-o-lanterns at Harvest Festival with 15,000 this year. ■ **Roxana Lewis Blackmore** wished she had spent the summer at Pine Point near Old Orchard Beach in ME, eating lobster and flounder and walking in the sand on the beach. Unfortunately, she reports, the sand was in her own back yard in Schenectady, "where even my flower garden didn't appreciate it this year." Roxana is looking forward to our next reunion. ■ **Dick Hubbard**'s lifelong contributions to the town of Middlebury was written up extensively in the *Rutland Business Journal* last summer. Dick has been a director of many town agencies and has made innumerable contributions—such as designing the first drive-in teller building and

supervising its construction on Seymour Street. Among his greatest concerns for the town is its future water source. He foresees that the town's natural spring will eventually be exhausted (through removal of gravel and increasing pollution) and that water will have to be taken from Otter Creek and purified. His other major concerns involve parking, traffic patterns, location of a proposed bypass, and strip development along Route 7.

1937

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and the Rev. Loring D. Chase, 671 Park Ave., #45, Keene, NH 03431.*

The recipient of the 1937 Scholarship is a psychology major who was on the Dean's List last spring. ■ **Doris Cutting** writes from her retirement community in Shelburne, VT, that moving to Wake Robin was one of the best decisions of her life and she recommends it to others. "You'll love the comfortable, carefree living, and your children, I'm told, will be relieved of worrying about you." This was in response to a letter from **Chuck** and Helene Cosenza '38 **Chase**, who "hadn't realized that our sons were that worried about us." ■ **Walt Brooker** says, "My cussed lameness, imposed by serious arthritic deterioration of my lower vertebrae, limits my mobility considerably." But he dismisses this as of little consequence and goes on to talk about Middlebury, where he lives. "Incidentally, construction has started on the College's new indoor rink. It will parallel the new pool and much of the building will be below grade level, so that one will walk down to a seat in the 3,200-seat arena. Completion is set for December 1998." He encloses a clipping from the *Burlington Free Press*, headed "63-ton boulder moving, slowly, to Middlebury. It continues: "A team of trucks and cranes is hauling the boulder 40 miles north from a Mendon quarry, where it will serve as a platform for an 11-foot-long cast bronze panther that a Glens Fall, NY, family donated as a mascot for the College." It was unveiled at Middlebury's Homecoming game October 25. ■ **Marion Gerling Church** writes that she had two new hip replacements, which caused her to miss our 60th Reunion. She was terribly disappointed and hopes that everyone had a lot of old memories to enjoy. (They did.) But she's going to FL for a couple of weeks with three good bridge friends and expects to enjoy the beach and play much bridge. "At least it's better than a wheelchair." ■ **Trudy Dole** "had the heart-breaking misfortune to miss the grand reunion when my car died at the last moment because of circulation failure." (But she telephoned the message about the class memorial tree in time, anyway.) "Also, more recently, I have been pretty much immobilized with a medical problem and had to forego my working vacation in New England. Columbia Presbyterian is a research and teaching institution, so the upper echelon people are far more interested in advancing their high technology than in actually caring for patients." ■ **Nancy Blanchard Britton** has some comforting words about retirement homes, concluding, "Maybe the most important thing about adjusting is one's own attitude. I enjoy reading the letters from other Middleburyites in classes near ours, because we have survived, through many experiences." She says that she still walks at least a mile and a half almost every day, and keeps in touch with her three sons and her grown-up granddaughter through e-mail. She's still playing dulcimer in a performing group and, despite some circulatory troubles, is doing well. ■ **Phil Brown** writes: "I have always felt a little sympathy for Yogi Berra when I remember one of his remarks for the press. 'Slump? I ain't in no slump! I just ain't hitting.'" Phil says they have been pretty quiet this year. "I worked on the Midd fund drive for our reunion and then wasn't able to attend the reunion itself. Helen finds travel difficult with the arthritis. However, this week (late October) we are flying up to Hagerstown, MD, for a visit with our daughter and most of our grandchildren—as well as two great-grandchildren whom we have not seen for two years!" It will be great for Phil to communicate with them, other than by e-mail! ■ After reunion, **Cay Branch Frasure** and husband Harold left Middlebury for Brunswick, ME, where they visited Bob Rathborn '39 and wife Harriett in their new home in Thornton Oaks: "A lovely place and we were impressed." After Cay's Wedgewood plates of Middlebury—which you will remember from the display at our banquet—were advertised in *Middlebury Magazine*, they "started getting telephone calls from all over. Apparently there is a big demand for such memorabilia." They planned to be on the Mississippi River aboard the *American Queen* from December 20 to 27. They were flying to New Orleans and disembarking at Memphis. "We had our whole family here for a week the end of June; the numbers increased from two to ten! What a fun time!"

1938

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Miss Madeline S. Buttles, P.O. Box 74, Concord, NH 03302.*

A newsy letter from **Ruth Sheldon Pratt** reports that she is happily situated at Bella Vita, a retirement colony in Venice, FL. Like most retirement colonies, one can take on as many activities as one is able. Ruth is pleased that she made the move. ■ **Madeline Buttles**, whose interest in CAR & DAR spans nearly a lifetime, received the DAR's Certificate of Appreciation for her 50 years of membership. Maddy writes that over the years she has enjoyed the society, appreciated its aims and its dedicated members, many of whom she might never have known otherwise. Maddy adds, "On several occasions, I have been privileged to attend Continental Congress held annually the week of April 19 in Washington, DC. There is nothing in this world that over the years has impressed me more than opening night. Constitution Hall is dimmed as the Marine Band plays our National Anthem and the huge American flag is slowly lowered from the ceiling. I am as moved today by that sight as I was back in the '50s, when I was a spectator for the first time." ■ **Becki Abbott Brooks** writes that she recently enjoyed a get-together luncheon hosted by **Bet Osborne Peelor**. Guests with Becki included **Polly Overton Camp, Jean Hoadley Dudley**. "Bet gave us each a recipe for her pièce de résistance that day." Becki previously had spent two and one-half weeks in Paris with son Peter and family. "One day we witnessed the nursery school opening when the superintendent called off the names alphabetically. Dan was happy to start his second year. He's quite a guy, as he is bilingual with a very good English accent, because his father speaks nothing but English with him." Later, back in the U.S., the Brooks family (with David from MI) celebrated Peter's birthday with Becki. ■ Your class secretary found September's Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf an excellent opportunity to gather some class news. **Eleanor Carroll Mullis** brought us up to date on her current activities, working as a eucharistic minister licensed by the Episcopal Church in the diocese of New York. Eleanor also derives great personal satisfaction from her work with "radiovision." In this activity she reads newspapers, magazine articles, and books over the radio to the blind, who have a special radio station. And, to add to that list, she has been appointed a director of the Monroe, NY, Historical Preservation Society. ■ The four '38ers who attended Alumni Leadership Conference thoroughly enjoyed the contacts, the opportunity to visit with other alumni, and the stimulating programs. They came away with new ideas about the Bicentennial, a few years away. Assigned to one of the cottages near the inn, the group included **Betty Gates Tuttle, Eleanor Carroll Mullis, Betty MacCulloch Mattox**, and **Madeline Buttles**, along with husbands "Tut" Tuttle and Dick Mattox, all of whom enjoyed the glorious fall weekend. A faculty panel (including trustee Churchill Franklin '71), a strong presentation by President McCardell, and the remarks of officers, alumni, and staff, plus the questions and comments from the floor, made the sessions lively, informative, and inspiring. "In fact," wrote Betty Mattox, "the whole experience was rejuvenating." She added: "DON'T miss our 60th class reunion! It will be so good to see you, to get together again and rejoice in Middlebury, the past and the future!"

1939

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence La., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

On September 9, **Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey** was the speaker for a joint meeting of the DAR (Salisbury, CT, Arsenal Chapter) and the Colonial Dames XVII Century (Winthrop Fleet Chapter). Joyce is the author of *Register of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots Buried in Litchfield County*, a reference book published in 1976 and recently reprinted in a new edition. Her book is very useful for descendants looking for CT ancestors, because it covers more than 100 cemeteries and lists more than 1,500 names of soldiers and patriots with all available information as to birth and death dates, parentage, date of marriage, etc. As an active DAR member for over 50 years, Joyce has held many offices and is well known as a genealogical researcher for individuals looking for family information in Litchfield and the state of CT. ■ After spending the summer with gangs of kids of all ages ("Such is pediatrics!"), **Bert Mac Fadden** was "breathing the freedom and solitude of the ME coast, practicing with our dog team of Siberian Huskies on a three-mile beach daily." ■ **Loring P. Lane**, of Monterey, CA, enjoyed a fall vacation to Savannah, GA, and Fripp Island, SC. He also visited daughter Leslie and grandson Chris in Philadelphia. Chris is the leading diver on his high school swim team. "We missed our spring vacation as Rotha was in the hospital for back surgery." Happily, he reports that she is okay now. ■ **Tom** and **Gert Bittle Murray** had a wonderful trip to England in September and enjoyed being in Oxford and the Cotswolds and visiting Churchill's home and Kent. They were in Westminster Abbey when Princess Diana's death was announced. It was a time in England they'll never forget. ■ Reading time for this news column is brief. We can appreciate that the 58 years separating all of us from each other and the College has taken its toll on news and events from you all. We have no magic

thoughts or words to offer which will produce a more rounded column with broader representation from those who seldom or never respond. Do remember to drop us a note—and add us to that list of holiday greetings. We all want to hear from you!

1940

Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Last fall, **Marjorie Burditt Striker** had the "splendid experience" of her first-ever trip to Europe. She and a friend spent almost a month driving through Holland, Belgium, and France. She also writes: "This year is being spent in my usual way: enjoying grandchildren, the wildlife on my acre of woods, and the continuing satisfaction of involvement in workshops in prisons." ■ A great letter from Deland, FL, informs us that **Charlie Straight** finds "life pretty dull, unless you can count trips to dentists, audiologists, and all doctors in general. With the effects of El Niño on our weather systems, even this hurricane season has been uneventful." Charlie turns 80 in January and hopes to live into his 90s, as some of his relatives have survived to 98! ■ Even though Dr. **Stanley Moore** retired in 1989, he has been called by the bishop to active duty as a consultant. But now he is enjoying free time and has resumed walking the Appalachian Trail, a project he started 40 years ago. Since April, he has walked in GA, TN, NC, VA, PA, NH, and ME, bringing his total mileage to 1,229.1 (Trail total: 2,160.2 miles). The Trail runs through 14 states and he has completed seven of those (VT, MA, CT, NY, NJ, MD, and GA). He says part of the fun is meeting hundreds of hikers, but he has never encountered anyone from Middlebury College. We're proud of you, Stan, and hope you can complete the other seven states! ■ We enjoyed another summer at our Cape Cod home. We had a lovely trip to Nova Scotia in June, enjoying the boat trip to get there and seeing all the quaint little fishing villages. With most of the lobsters being exported, it was a challenge to find one for dinner. Bobbie's three kids joined us in August for their annual reunion and it was great to have the grandchildren (ranging in age from 5 to 19) altogether. Back to VT in October to enjoy the foliage and Homecoming Weekend, kicking off the festivities for the Bicentennial. ■ The well-attended Homecoming Weekend saw alumni enjoying the many activities provided, including the Alumni College lectures held on the Bread Loaf campus, the football game, the dedication of the black panther sculpture (displayed west of the press box at Alumni Stadium), and the Bicentennial Campaign launch and gala dinner (held in Pepin Gymnasium). Besides your secretaries, classmates attending included **Marjorie Burditt Striker, Jean Sweeny Hancock, Louise Gove Hawkins**, and **Ed Reichert**. Don't forget the Bicentennial will also be the occasion of our 60th (ye gods!) Reunion!

1941

Class Secretary: *Lester W. Ingalls, P.O. Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Barbara Mower Brown is still a resident at the Culpeper Health Care Center, a nursing home at 16002 Norman Rd., Culpeper, VA 22701. During August and September, health problems affecting balance, stomach disorders, mood changes, and other minor problems apparently were caused by medication levels. When this situation was corrected, she resumed a therapy program. Last February, Barbara and husband Francis enjoyed a visit and dinner with Ken and **Suzanne Milholland MacArthur**, when the MacArthurs were en route from Myrtle Beach to ME. Barbara has also been in touch with **Sally Martenis Townsend** by telephone. On August 31, Barbara was healthy enough to enjoy a trip to Camden Yards in Baltimore for the baseball game between her beloved NY Mets and the Orioles. Our thanks to Francis for sending us her news. ■ Please note that, due to a postal change, the new address for **Sumner House** is 51 McKinstry Hill Rd., Hyde Park, VT 05655. ■ Faithful participants in the annual Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September '97 were **Helen "Westie" Burbank, "Summy" House, "Mose"** and **Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard, Les Ingalls**, and **Ruth "Packie" Packard Jones**. There we heard several college officials speak about the impending Bicentennial Campaign. Later, in October, at a festive Homecoming Weekend, the Campaign was officially launched at a gala evening in Pepin Gymnasium. Presidents James Armstrong, Olin Robinson, and the current incumbent, John McCardell, spoke to the assemblage, which included the Burbanks and Les Ingalls. ■ Speaking of fiscal matters, our 25th Reunion gift to the College in 1966, designated for support of Egbert Starr Library, has produced another bonanza. Prof. Rucker, the College librarian, has written to the Class of 1941 that in 1996-97 the library has been the beneficiary of sufficient income from our invested gift to enable the purchase of 133 items (books, monographs, tracts, and research documents). Our initial investment continues to produce important returns in the provision of needed scholarly materials for the education of current undergraduates. ■ In the absence of communications from individuals, the foregoing brings us up to date on our class. Won't you take a moment to let us know what you are doing? That's the only way that we can have a lively report four times a year. Write, call, fax, shout—the address is at the top of this column. PLEASE! ■ Sadly we note the passing of two of our classmates, **George Clark** and **Nelson Easton**. George was a frequent correspondent who kept us informed of his views about the College and of his many useful suggestions for improving communications among our classmates. Nelson was an equally devoted alumnus whose philanthropic generosity to the College was significant. Both will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to their families. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue.

1942

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 621 Laurel Lake Dr., #B119, Columbus, NC 28722.*

Bill Ouimette sent a good newspaper article (with photo) about **Ken Cosgrove** retiring after 51 years of doctoring. Ken and wife Eleanor are still active golfers in Hendersonville, NC. Bill's wife, Mary (Bidwell) '43, has been ill for some time but they hoped to get to FL this winter. ■ **Charlie Clapper** wrote that his son had returned to Bellows Falls for a 60th high school reunion, which didn't make sense. But the mystery was solved, because Charlie meant wife **Ruth Taylor Clapper**, whom he used to call Sun. Ruth has not been well and is limited to short trips and a restricted diet. Ruth and Charlie visited Quebec City for the first time and were amazed at the cleanliness and lack of graffiti. He sent pictures he took at reunion—so come to the 60th and see them. ■ Denny and **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** went to China, armed with binoculars to aid Tilly's poor eyesight. Had a lovely time in Beijing and really enjoyed the Li River trip, northwest of Hong Kong. They deserved a trip as Tillie took care of her sister for two months before she died, then had the dreary task of cleaning out her grandfather's house where her sister had lived. **Hope Rood Redway** saw old friends of hers from childhood days while visiting Tilly after reunion. Hope and **Dottie Milligan Schuck** did another European river trip last summer. No report on that yet. ■ **Ellen Holt Erb** was on the sick list in the fall. No energy and no diagnosis as of this writing. Her granddaughter, who wants to be a writer, was at Bread Loaf last summer and loved it. (Who doesn't?) ■ **Charlie** and **Dorothy Watson Kitchell** have been supporting the hospitals. Chuck had angioplasty in March (he can't have bypass surgery since his stroke a few years ago) and had walking pneumonia this fall. Dodie had surgery and was having radiation. ■ **Alice Taylor Thornycroft** is still on oxygen for emphysema. Thus endeth the hospital report. How about dashing off a card to your sick friends? ■ **Dixie Davis** seems to weather the ill winds of aging and still turns in a good golf score. ■ We regret to report the death of **Elizabeth Harlow Noble** on August 22. We send the sympathy of the class to her three children and to all the family. ■ **Bud Moore** is still wowing audiences with the "Once in Awhile" band, named after the old song. The band members, who range in age from 74 to 89, play all the "Big Band" tunes for the older crowd who love it and sing along. Word has spread through the senior center network in NH, which keeps them busy. "We'll just keep on going and hope we all stay on the right side of the grass a little longer." Bud has been active in music since prep school. He directed the 75-student New Hampton School Glee Club for 20 years and still directs the New Hampton Community church choir after 52 years. May we sign up the "Once in Awhile" band for our 60th? ■ **Helen Hooley Young** has been through a distressing time. Her sister-in-law died and it took two months to find the keys to the safe-deposit box and break up the home in AL. ■ We have finally gotten settled in our new apartment in NC and are enjoying life here. We learned very quickly how nice it is to have two meals a day served in a lovely dining room and the dirty dishes taken away. **Bill** and **Margaret Buscher Andrews** are visiting us for a few days. We have a friend here who went to VT Academy, as did Bill and Jack, and another friend who went to high school with Meg and **Nina Camuti Danielsen**, so we're getting them all together one evening. The Andrews had two family weddings last summer—Meg's daughter and Bill's son. Bob '54 and Betsy Heath Gleason '58 were due to be indoctrinated to ACC football at Clemson. We're out of here for a few days after Thanksgiving with daughter and husband to go enliven New Orleans. Then in January, we're off on a cruise of the Caribbean, since we can't go to our beautiful island of Montserrat because of the devastation created by the volcano. I go to the mailbox every day looking for cards from classmates. I don't ask for much. Just a postcard. PLEASE!

SEND US YOUR "DUPES"!

SORRY,
BUT FROM NOW ON
WEDDING PICTURES
WILL NOT BE
RETURNED.

1943

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. J.G. Krieble (Amanda Sanborne), 3646 Tolland Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

Two of Tone and **Lew Haines**'s children were Olympic cross-country skiers and all seven excelled in any number of sports. Lew thought he had seen his last high school race 16 years ago, when his last child graduated from high school in Anchorage, AK. But this past season he was back at the cross-country relay races and now some of his 16 *grandchildren* are at the front of the pack. The family celebrated Lew's 75th birthday last year in typical fashion—by hiking the Crow Pass trail, a trek lasting 17 hours. Grandson Jamie says that if you're born a Haines, you have little choice but to be active. ■ **Reginald Wooldridge** reports from Utica, NY, that he's well, retired, and quite active. He does Hospice work and volunteers at nursing homes where he does whatever needs to be done, from getting batteries replaced in residents' watches to transporting people on shopping trips. His wife passed away during spring of 1997. Fortunately three of his four children live nearby and he sees them often. He mentioned that he talks frequently with Joe Steele in Indianapolis. ■ In Port Washington, NY, **Bob Wood** has been putting his professional skills to work, helping the local school system with their forecast planning for future pupil populations. He has also been involved in some community planning. A back problem for the past two years has limited his sailing and confined his birding to keeping an eye on their feeders. He and his wife definitely plan to be at the 55th Reunion next May. ■ **Comstock Small** remains active in Housatonic, MA, although his animal population is now reduced to two elderly sheep and one horse. He works two days a week for a concern that does estate management gardening, still rows on the river, skis when there's snow, and has been doing volunteer work, constructing a "river walk" along the banks of the Housatonic. A lovely three-week trip to Ireland in 1996 was prompted by daughter Antonia's work, doing photography for the sailing ship HMS *Rose*, then berthed in Ireland. Wife Linda is well and very active in the Berkshire County United Way and the a community children's health program. ■ On their way to visit daughter Judith in Raleigh, NJ, **John** and **Fritz Head Gale** stopped overnight with **Bill** and Kelly DeLong '46 **Desmond** in the Catskills, where they were treated to sights of deer, wild turkeys, and ruffed grouse moving through their yard, a fly fishing 101 course with tour of the best spots along the Neversink and Willowemoc Rivers, and a wonderful dinner of some of those 18-inch trout that Bill writes about. On the way home, they had lunch with Jean and **Scott Thayer** at their townhouse in Gaithersburg, MD. Scott follows the usual pattern of being fully retired but still very busy. Jean continues her speech therapy teaching activities in the school system. ■ **Stanley Tupper**'s droll sense of humor infuses a recent interview in the *Maine Times*. Stan, who retired in 1967 after serving three terms as a ME Congressman, feels he was a little ahead of his time on the issues of Medicare, the war in Vietnam, civil rights, and the war on poverty. Medicare was opposed by the AMA and the Maine Medical Assoc. and Stan gets "a chuckle out of it now that all my doctor friends depend on it." He also spent 25 years in opposition to Maine Yankee and opposed using poison gas in Asia. When asked why he is a Republican, Stan replies: "Liberal Republicans are an endangered species. The Democratic Party didn't need liberals. The Republicans desperately needed them—and still do." As for the reason behind his return to Boothbay Harbor, ME, to practice law: "I served in Congress; I enjoyed it. I enjoyed being myself. I didn't want to make a career of it. I believe people should go serve, do what they can for their country, and then go back to their farms and their businesses. I wanted to go back to my practice while I was still young enough to do it." Stan and wife Jill are both practicing in Boothbay. Stan's daughter Lara is an entertainer on cruise ships and son Stan, Jr., is a landscape architect in SC. ■ **Dorothy Hood Bittmann** recently attended a churchwide gathering of Presbyterian women in Louisville, KY. She reports that "Cincinnati hosted three fascinating guests from Thailand before the Louisville gathering." Dorothy also enjoyed visiting her grandchildren. ■ We regret to report the death of **Marjorie Tomlinson Reynard** on September 19, 1997, at home in St. Petersburg, FL. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Remember the dates of the 55th: May 29-31, 1998!

1944

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

We are grateful to **Paul Davis** for informing us of **Bob Reuman**'s untimely death. [A memorial appeared in the fall issue and a profile appears elsewhere in this issue.] Paul wrote, "Bob was one of the most admirable and likable fellows I've known. I did want to go on record with a word of appreciation for this truly great guy." Surely we all agree. Some of us received the letter written by Bob's wife, Dorothy, and their children to their friends, including a beautiful recounting of his final days. Paul also brought us up to date on his own life. Following the death of his wife, Phoebe, in Mexico, where they had retired from the Peace Corps in Belize, Paul returned to the U.S. He lived with his son and family on the West Coast for a time, before moving to Montclair, NJ, in April. He also mentioned a reunion with **Ted Kolzak** who, Paul says, has been a runner in five Boston Marathons—starting at age 57! Ted, you never told us. ■ A note from **Peter Jennison** brings the sad news that his wife, Jane, died "peacefully at home with Hospice care" on August 26. They had been married 51 years. Our sympathy to Peter. ■ **Bill** and **Inki Monk Stevenson** stopped for an overnight visit with **Nancy Read** in NJ before Nancy's return to her home in CT. ■ **Elizabeth Ring Hennefrund** is the author (using the pen name of Elizabeth Ring) of 18 books, the latest of which is *Loon at Northwood Lake*, the story of a loon's summer adventures with his mate and two chicks. A Smithsonian Children's Book, it was illustrated by Taylor Oughton and published by Soundprints, Inc., of Norwalk, CT. Elizabeth studied fiction writing at NYU and poetry at the New School in NYC, then taught English for 10 years at the Brearly School in NYC. Moving to DC, she was fiction editor for five years at *Ranger Rick*, the popular children's nature magazine of the National Wildlife Federation, before getting into the book business. ■ As a Spanish major at Middlebury, Sr. **Althea Jackson** points out that some are blessed with the aptitude for learning a second language and some are not born with that ability. "Aptitudes are abilities we are born with, which we may develop or not, as we choose. Other aptitudes are musical ability, finger dexterity, and mathematical talent. Neither of my children has any language aptitude," although they have many other talents. "Besides the matter of language aptitudes," she points out that "English is the most difficult language to learn as a second language. I am grateful that English happens to be my native tongue. But that was something over which I had no control." She makes her comments in a recent St. Augustine, FL, newspaper in response to an assertion that foreigners should have to learn our language. ■ Frankly, we know things are happening in your lives—a new grandchild, another wedding, an exciting travel experience, a change of address—but we don't hear about it. Drop us a line. We're starved for the news everyone in '44 wants to know about!

1945

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert W. Allen (Marian Bailey), 2175 S. Ocean Blvd., #206, Delray Beach, FL 33483; and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

Those of you who attended our Big 50th Reunion will remember that Jamien Morehouse '73, daughter of Dick '43 and **Lee Van Leuven Morehouse**, created our class banner for that occasion. Lee writes on August 21: "Jamien's energy and creative ideas, plus her commitment to self-healing, has introduced so many new facets into our lives. We have hosted an afternoon circus with close to 35 people here—the older children planned the events with Jamien's leadership and the younger kids had a ball. There were acrobats, fortune telling, races, costumes, popcorn, and rootbeer floats. We have Xi Gong every morning at 8:00 a.m. People come and we stand outside doing this quiet, slow motion, Asian healing art. Even nine-year-old James does it with us. This morning we had an Asian breakfast after Xi Gong. Not your usual cold cereal and English muffin fare, it even included some very salty pickled onions, along with cashews and pumpkin seeds. My palate tingled. I sing every Monday night with a random group of men and women. We meet in the home of the leader and she calls us Annie's Kitchen Chorus. It has been very challenging because we sing harmony, but never have any music. The entire group learns all four or five parts and then we take off. It is a technique which she was taught last winter and she wanted to try it on some of her friends. The theory is that you really listen and hear all the parts more intimately. It really works!"

PHOTO CAPTION Becky Fraser Cremer '46 and **Audrey Nunnemacher Pertl** got together in Salt Lake City, UT, last May. Both were members of the Midd women's ski team and skied together in competitions. Becky competed in the 1948 Olympic games in St Moritz in downhill-slalom combined.

1946

Class Secretaries: *Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom (Mrs. Everett R.), 10 Inverness Rd., 10 Inverness Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374; and Joan Campbell Shaw (Mrs. Douglas P.), Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255.*

Fran Tenney Coombs writes that she and Roy have "downsized" to a townhouse "high on a hill" in Camp Hill, PA, across the river from Harrisburg. Now they are closer to daughter

Cindy and Tim and Megan (3). Martha Coombs Parvis '78 and Paul are just a few states away in CT. Fran admits to missing her friends in NJ, especially **Barbara Flink Ewels** and **Jean Schwab Schork**. She had talked to **Gladys Swift Seibert** several times and is gradually finding her way around in their new location. The Coombses were spending some time in Venice, FL, this winter. ■ **Marilyn (Breezie) Arey McGeehan** is still in a traveling mode. A fall from a bike resulted in a cast and brace on her left wrist, but she had apparently recovered sufficiently to go on a whirlwind tour of Scandinavia with a group from her area. She was spending the winter months in Destin, FL, again and is thinking of buying a permanent place in FL and renting in the north for the summer months. We'll keep tuned. ■ Neal and **Cindy Darby Westmoreland** spent a week in Richmond, VA, taking care of grandson Nikolai (5), while his parents, Doug and Barbara, traveled to Russia to bring back another little boy, Charles (Charlie) Anatoly Westmoreland (2). Brothers, parents, and grandparents are all doing well. ■ Doug and **Joan Campbell (Cam) Shaw** are happy to announce the arrival of a fourth grandchild on November 18, when daughter Sally had a baby daughter in Northampton, MA. Celia Elizabeth Stanton Campbell Bales was nearly delivered in VT, but baby's father Bart Bales was successful in getting them home in time. ■ **Chris Becker Hutchinson** reports a fantastic private charter cruise out of Petersburg, AK, a little fishing village. They arrived in the area for Norse Day, enabling them to enjoy the races and a wonderful smorgasbord. Guests included son David and daughter Joanna and her husband, Jamie. David, a novice fisherman, delighted all of them by catching a tremendous 63-inch fish. He also caught a 25-pound salmon, which was the most fun because it gave him more of a fight. All on board enjoyed the catering and other services of the captain and his wife. ■ Spending Christmas in VT for the first time in 26 years were Everett and **Mary Elizabeth Nordstrom**, who were housesitting for Helmut and Ellen Nordstrom Baer while they took Abby to Germany for Christmas in the Black Forest with Helmut's parents. Plans were also underway to arrange for a Middlebury luncheon in Hanover, NH. ■ We regret to report the death of two classmates, **Helen Parker Bunker** on July 26 and **Eleanor Sauer Sniffen** on July 29. We send the sympathy of the class to their husbands, Lester E. Bunker, Jr., and A. Mead Sniffen III, and to both their families. Memorials appeared in the fall issue. ■ The class sends sincere condolences to **Rod (Ann Adams) Beetle** on the death of husband Bob on April 3, 1997. Bob suffered a second stroke last January while they were visiting daughter Kim in Midland, TX. A memorial service was held in Mountain Lakes, NJ on April 18. ■ The sympathy of the class also goes to the family of **Alice Bull**, who died on November 18. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1947

Class Secretaries: *Virginia Stowell James, 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472; and Philip Briggs, 40947 N. 107th Pl., Scottsdale, AZ 85262.*

As a wonderful reunion postscript, **Adrienne Northam Fluckiger** and **Ginny Lee Costello** wrote a three-page account, which was sent to each of us. Although never seen taking notes, they must have done so, for they summarized every detail of that memorable occasion. Reading their letter brings it all back again. A hearty thank you from everyone! ■ **George** and **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** returned home to Arlington, VA, in late October after an eventful summer in East Sebago, ME. They reported an enjoyable summer visit from Bart '48 and **Tiffany Clark Nourse**. The Nourses, who live on the shores of Cape Cod in Brewster, MA, are making plans to attend Bart's 50th in 1998. ■ Jo telephoned **Nancy Fitz Smith** at her summer home at Little Sebago Lake. Nancy missed reunion due to some inopportune surgery, but she's fine now. Jo admired some of Nancy's watercolors when they were shown in a gallery, where Jo also found a kitchen magnet with one of Nancy's paintings on it. ■ The Booths spent three weeks in France after reunion, then visited with former dean W. Storrs Lee '28 in his Pemaquid Point, ME, home. George reports that **Tom Cruess** is another faithful visitor to Storrs Lee and his wife, Mary Lou, at Pemaquid. George and Tom were originally in the class of 1944, until they left for service. (Note from Jinny: Pemaquid is part of New Harbor, ME, where Jinny also has a summer home, so let's hope for some visits or a mini-reunion in July or August next year.) ■ After reunion, **B.A. Holmgren Hendrickson** visited the Booths at Sebago Lake. ■ The Booths had lunch in Portland with Bob and **Lois Southgate Badger**, who live in Kennebunkport, ME. ■ A call to **Sally McCullough Sterritt** in Evergreen, CO, brought news that they already had a two-foot snowfall in late October but it soon began to melt. The Sterritts visited Frank and **Flo King Millsaps** in Salt Lake City last summer. The Millsaps were sorry they had been unable to attend reunion. ■ Sally reports that **Jean Mace Beswick** is doing well now. Jean and husband Tony, who flies for the UN, are in Zimbabwe now and find they love it in Africa. They even consider making it their home. ■ Don '48 and **Marion Durkee Stillman** have moved into an apartment in their son's house in Rockport, MA. Don is doing well, slowly and steadily recovering from surgery. ■ **Phil** and Jean Sloan '49 **Briggs** went to Rome and Paris last summer, and even enjoyed playing golf in Biarritz! Next summer they plan to move to Shelburne, VT, where they are building a house near their daughter. ■ We are sorry to report that **Janet Kraft West**, who attended our 50th, had a fall and stroke while visiting Paris in June. Janet has retired from her position as mayor of Bainbridge, WA, and has moved to 113 Madison Ave. N., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110. It was wonderful to see her at reunion; we know she would like to hear from classmates now. ■ **Mary Pitz Hunt** reports good news about husband Roy '48, who was on crutches at reunion time. He is still on chemo and using crutches, but his bone is healing and he has far less pain. They hope to attend his 50th reunion in 1998. Mary was able to go with her regular hiking group to Alpbach in Fultmes, Austria, in September. She reports that it was easier hiking than in NH, better graded and with wonderful views. ■ Another traveler to Europe was **Virginia Stowell James**, who attended an educators' convention in Stockholm and then toured Norway's mountains and fiords, which brought back memories of Prof. Bruno Schmidt's geology classes. As youth today might say, it was "awesome." Visiting Lillehammer, site of the 1994 Winter Olympics, and standing below the two great ski jumps, green with summer grass, also brought memories of Bread Loaf and Winter Carnivals of long ago. ■ Please send a note or make a brief call to share news of yourselves or classmates. Your correspondents are listed at the head of this column. Let's keep up the fellowship of our 50th, be informed, and stay in touch!

1948

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kellogg (Marya Steele), 7 Murdock Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Sylvia Smead Gallagher found a great way to start off her 70th year! She spent 12 days on a wilderness canoe trip on 120 miles of the Green River in UT—"sleeping on sand bars, filtering my water, hiking canyons, and paddling the river." ■ To update news from **Lionel Slater** which appeared in an earlier issue, he has sent a recollection that he changed his Naval Reserve category from deck officer to aviation psychologist, at the suggestion of Prof. William Madden. He has worked in that field in many capacities and operated Slater Associates for 22 years. ■ In response to the question "What are you proud of?" **Trish McCabe Perkins** responds: "Being alive! Some of us aren't!" Your secretaries add that Trish is a busy and significant person in many Middlebury places, especially at the Ilsley Library. ■ Your 50th Reunion Yearbook will contain life stories from most all of us and whatever we could gather on those who are no longer with us. Meanwhile, do send your comments and memories.

Becky Fraser Cremer '46 and Audrey Nunnemacher Pertl '45 in Salt Lake City (see 1945 column)

1949

Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and the Rev. Harold Richardson, 39 Spinners Run, South Windsor, CT 06074.*

Don Simon, of Winchester, TN, is retired and says he's getting younger with three adopted children living at home. (He also has four older ones. Nice going, Don!) He said he played golf with someone from Barre, VT, who was delighted with the warmer weather in the south during the winter season. ■ **Larry Vadnais**, of Stamford, CT, has been retired from teaching since 1987. He has enjoyed a few trips, especially when fishing is involved. He attends St. John Bosco R.C. Church, where he teaches in the CCD program, and he takes the Eucharist to shut-ins. **Joel Lamere** called, and Larry talked with Joel's wife, Bambi Ellsworth Lamere '50. ■ **Bob Whittier**, of South Hamilton, MA, recently returned from Turkey, where he visited Ephesus with a local group who travel together. Bob is another golfer with more time to play, since he retired in 1983. He does some consulting and enjoyed seeing Dexter '50 and Norma Horsford Whittinghill '51, Ed Higgins '51, and Tom '51 and **Marilyn Mulholland Jacobs**. ■ **Hal Richardson** reminds you all to

circle 1999—the year we celebrate our 50th Reunion!

1950

Class Secretaries: *Ms. Barbara J. Parker (parkeb@idt.net.com), 13 Burnham Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 (fax 201/475-1545—please call first); and Ms. Barbara Kraft Packer (fapjr@aol.com), 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.*

Fragments of news this time around. Here's all we found out—but we know you're doing interesting things everyone else wants to know about. So call, write, fax, e-mail us. We eagerly await word from you. ■ Alex '51 and **Anne Meyer Marshall** are leading a double life—and enjoying every minute of it. Their home base is Truro on Cape Cod, and their winter escape is Melbourne Beach, FL. Alex served as general contractor when their daughter built a vacation home right next door to theirs in Cape Cod. This is a family of builders: one Marshall son is a contractor in St. Thomas Island. ■ CA residents Tom and **Janie Terpening Hanson** visited the Marshalls in May after coming east to attend a helicopter convention in Virginia Beach. (More of helicopter conventions next issue.) ■ Another Cape Cod enthusiast is retired middle school teacher **Steve Markham**. While maintaining their home base in Fitchburg, MA, Steve and his wife spend summers in Pocasset and take the edge off winters by enjoying a couple of April weeks at Siesta Key in Sarasota, FL. ■ **Richard Barnes** reports golfing at Hilton Head and enjoying two coastal trips to Canada and the Maritime Isles. Richard has been in touch with Don Burn '49 (Reno, NV) and **Wally Hubbard** (Denver, CO), and reports that they are well. ■ **Bill Fincke** and wife Angie often take their grandchildren to Italy (Rome last spring; Florence in August) to keep in touch with the family's Italian roots. Turning the tables this year, Angie's father traveled from his home in Italy to visit the Fincke family in their Winchester, MA, home. ■ Congratulations to the two young scholars who received the **T. William Hentz** Scholarship award and the Class of 1950 Scholarship for this academic year. They deserve our continuing support. ■ Tod and **Barbara Kraft Packer** thoroughly enjoyed Alumni College last fall and recommend it to all. They took along their son and grandson (2 1/2), who had a great time in the excellent children's program. With excellent baby sitters readily available, Barb says no one should miss this fun and intellectually challenging event. ■ **Barbara J. Parker** polished off the summer with a 25-mile bicycle ride in the Middlebury area on one of those perfect, blue-sky, puffy-cloud, August days that make one nostalgic for the sight of mountains and meadows and cornfields and the wonderful smell of baled hay baking in the sun.

1951

Class Secretaries: *Meg Curry Gregg (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and James D. Ross, RD 2, Box 540, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Lois Behrman Watson flew to Rivers Inlet Club on Queen Charlotte Sound in northwestern British Columbia last July for five days of salmon fishing. She caught a 32-pound king on a nine-foot flyrod—it took 45 minutes to bring it in!—and she caught eleven other cohos and kings. Lois remembers it as a "great experience." The photographic evidence appeared on page 49 of the fall issue. ■ **Dorothy "Dag" Gilligan Eide** has worked at the voter registration office in Falls Church, VA, where they have lived since 1964. They have also lived in Paris, Teheran, and Munich. Dag enjoys oil painting, quilting, and summers on the Cape, where she is working on an anthology of the Barnstable area. Author credits to her also for a work on Bavarian chapels. ■ Another summer Cape Cod family, **Bill** and **Phyllis Cole Deming** live in the heart of Shelburne, VT. Although they closed the book store three years ago, Phyllis is still a consultant to libraries and schools. She also has a rewarding new job as ombudsman (residents' advocate) for four long-term care facilities in Chittenden County. A charter member of the Charlotte-Shelburne Rotary, Bill served 24 years as Selectman, and he has a busy lock service business. After I phoned, Phyl sent a postcard to add that she's on the Board of the League of Vermont Writers, "a wonderful job for a passionate lover of reading and writing who does a lot of both." ■ Unfortunately, I caught **Saranne "Sandy" Crawford Cooke** at a bad moment: the moving truck was in the driveway as she was just moving into a new home she built on Maui! Sorry to learn of the death of her husband a year and a half ago. Sandy stays in touch with **Joan Thomas Washburn**, and we hope they will both come reune at our 50th! ■ This was 50th high school reunion year for the class of 1951. **Helen Reid Gilmore** and **Helen Guernsey Bates** reuned at Wellesley High School, then had dinner with **Martha O'Brien Fenn** in Putney, VT. **Meg Curry Gregg** also enjoyed having lunch with Marty in Brattleboro in August. Helen Gilmore has been teaching music at Northfield/Mt. Hermon for 19 years, while **John Gilmore** is busy with his insurance and financial services firm, which son Robert has joined. The Gilmores have been traveling, including cruises on the Seine and Rhine rivers and a trip to Spain in August—"love those olives!" and can't find them in Greenfield, MA. ■ The 1997-98 recipient of the Class of 1951 Scholarship is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major, but is taking science, ecology, literature, and psychology courses. ■ We extend our sympathy and loving wishes to **Elizabeth "Betty" Gale Woods** in Burlington, VT. Her husband Joe died in late July. We have happy memories of meeting him at earlier reunions. In August, Betty had a visit to Algonquin Park with close friends. Betty mentioned a *huge* bronze panther on a 70-ton granite base on campus. Has anyone seen this critter? (See page 10 of fall issue.) ■ In Media, PA, **Barbara "Luke" Lukens Calkins** and her husband do a lot of gardening and have volunteered at the Scott Arboretum in Swarthmore for 10 years. A tour will take them to English gardens this summer. They also visit the Lake Willoughby area (Northeast Kingdom of VT) each year and enjoy an annual get-together there with David '50 and **Mary Krum Dale**. Luke also attended her high school reunion at Swarthmore, with **Beth Huey Newman** and **Carol Heinze Phillips**. Carol: Come to our 50th at Midd, so the rest of us can see you! ■ This class secretary, **Meg Curry Gregg**, was honored and thrilled to attend the George Bush Library dedication in TX. Don and I felt it was a historic event, as well as bipartisan, and the building is spectacular.

1952

Class Secretaries: *Carol Whitham Brewster, Pond Rd., P.O. Box 296, Manchester, ME 04351; and Charles A. Ratté, 4 Chestnut Hill Rd., Montpelier, VT 05602.*

Microbiology prof. **Laurence Draper** has received the J. Michael Young Outstanding Academic Adviser award at Kansas Univ., where he has taught for 29 years. He was also given the prestigious Ned N. Fleming Trust Award in recognition of a distinguished record of teaching, research, and service. Laurence enjoys university teaching and loves student advising. As he puts it, "It just happens to be my life. I'm going to die in front of the classroom. I have no intention of retiring." ■ Last summer, **William Kirby** "survived four reunions—Midd 45th, high school and prep school 50ths, and wife Zoe's 40th at Tufts." In October, Bill attended the tri-annual meeting of Sons of the Revolution Society in Annapolis. He's also active in the Historical Society in New Canaan. ■ We regret to report the death of **Thomas E. Boss** on August 14, and send the sympathy of the class to his wife, Patricia Cavanaugh Boss '53. A memorial appeared in the fall issue. ■ **Sally Moulton Schenck** reports that "a trip to Glacier National Park rejuvenated us and gave us relief from the hot FL sunshine. A week at the beach helped, too. Fishing and riding the waves after sandcastle building restores mind and soul." ■ **Lee McGowan Allison** has moved to NH (P.O. Box 484, Freedom, NH 03836), where she is hiking, biking, or skiing—according to the season. With a son working for United Way in Yarmouth, ME, Lee often travels to ME and had the reception for President McCardell at the Portland Art Museum on her calendar. ■ **Jeanne Badeau Barnett**, who retired a few years ago from a research study on child sexual abuse, now serves as docent chair at the Textile Museum in DC. She invites us all "to drop in and savor the delights of this gem of a museum." ■ Now that her two Diet Centers are closed, **Nancy Watters Bagg** tells us that she is semi-retired. She does nutritional counseling from her Park Ridge, IL, home, as well as taking a computer class, frequenting the Botanic Gardens, and spending time with her three local grandchildren. Two other grandchildren in Seattle take her to the Pacific Northwest for visits. She also enjoyed the glorious fall colors in New England last October. She writes: "Other than being alone, still after 23 years, life is joyous and I am blessed with great health and peace and a sense of fulfillment. Being able to laugh is a great bonus!" ■ **Shirley Herrman Andrews** missed seeing everyone at reunion, but writes that she and Bill had "a wonderful hiking trip in the Atlas Mountains in Morocco at that time." Bill is still teaching at Harvard Law School and Shirley's book, *Atlantis: Insights from a Lost Civilization*, hit the bookstores in November. By now they must have 10 grandchildren. ■ Peter and **Alice Hildreth Rand** celebrated family birthdays in Cape Elizabeth, ME, in October with children and grandchildren, the newest of whom is Emily Rose. Alice sells real estate in ME, continues her environmental work with Audubon and the Natural Resources Council, and serves on a board planning a senior housing complex in Scarborough. ■ **Anne Upson Stone**, whose son Ralph was killed in his DC apartment last summer, writes from West Hartford, CT: "As you well know, you never expect to lose a son. However, Fred and I have so many great memories of Ralph, and we have heard from so many, many of his friends from all over the world, that we are uplifted." ■ Pete and **Ruth Eldridge Race** took a 10-day trip last fall to the Amish country and Gettysburg in PA, then on to Baltimore. They visited Bill and **Lucy Lee Frisbee** in Delray, NY, en route. ■ Skip '54 and **Jan Bogart Phinney** visited Henry and **Marion Olds Precht** in Bridgeton, ME. The Phinneys are planning a trip to Italy and England, where Jan will speak to a Christian Science Assoc. in London. ■ Pat and I

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Bob Kloster '55 and Bill Kirby '52 in Oslo (see 1952 column)

(**Carol Whitman Brewster**) joined the Phinneys for dinner at the Prechts's in early October. In late October, Carol got over to Bread Loaf to attend Homecoming Alumni College, along with **Janie Rupp Cooke** and her daughter, Martha Cooke Somach '82. Bread Loaf was dusted with snow that weekend, which marked the kickoff of the Bicentennial Campaign festivities at the College. ■ An Elderhostel biking trip in France whetted John and **Carol Holmes Phillips**' appetites for yet another cycling trip in Europe, this time in the Netherlands next June. They shared a meal with the Phinneys and the Brewsters while in ME visiting mutual friends. ■ In "retirement," in Durango, CO, **Chip Archibald** is ministering to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Albuquerque, NM. Chip was a consultant with the U.S. Public Health Service, but also served as a minister in both the Baptist and Methodist faiths early in his career. Tennis and skiing at that high altitude prove that he is still running on all eight cylinders. ■ **Dave Brown**, who transferred to Northwestern in his sophomore year [So *that's* where you disappeared to!], married in 1952 and now has four children and nine grandchildren. Since retiring from Mobil, he has done some traveling—including five world cruises—and recently returned from AK. Dave was also a consultant for 20 years, lived in the Philippines for a while, and now lives in Weston, CT. ■ **Robert N. "Sandy" Bowser** is the owner/operator of a Montessori School in Boca Raton, FL. He has made a few West Coast trips and recently went to Rome. He also swings a club now and then. ■ On their way home to sunny Tampa from our 45th Reunion, **John Bowker** and wife Linda enjoyed an Elderhostel on the use of the Internet and weather prediction. His "now expert" reasoning for the lack of hurricanes in FL this year is good old El Niño. He didn't predict whether we'll have a good skiing season in VT. ■ **Ray Ablondi** reports: "Had a nice post-reunion visit and golf with Ellen and **Bill Huey** in VT at the end of May. We had some snow at the top of Stratton Mountain in their honor. We left VT October 3, so missed the great foliage this year. Ann and **Gene Dix** are in the Hilton Head area and we plan to get together later this week. We look forward to seeing Judy and **Chuck Ratté** in early January and look forward to continuing our golf competition." ■ Now semi-retired in Winter Park, FL, **Norm "Bill" Becker** and wife Madeleine have three children and five grandchildren. During a hitch in the Marine Corps (1958), he established a practice in periodontics, which he continues for 20 hours a week. He also continues his golf "practice," maintaining a five handicap. He's heading up the Tour of Champions, a 60-plus tour of former professional golfers, and has also served as director of fund raising for the U.S. Olympic Committee. Hope he can make the 50th—we'll put him in charge of the class golf tournament!

PHOTO CAPTION **Bill Kirby** (center) recently took a two-week tour of Scandinavia and had dinner with Bob Kloster '55 (left) in Oslo. Bob is a doctor in neurology, specializing in epilepsy. Still an active skier, Bob hopes to retire by 1998.

1953

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. David Clemens (Carol Jennings), P.O. Box 962, Hallstead, PA 18822 (CClemens@epix.net).*

Where is everybody? Are you all saving your news for reunion next May? Thanks to those who did reply to our request cards. Hope to hear from the rest of you before the next deadline. ■ **Ed Hickcox** retired in 1996 and in '97 moved to Winnipeg, where his wife has a job with the Manitoba Ministry of Education. He will be an adjunct professor at the Univ. of Manitoba. Ed says he finds Manitoba pretty flat, but is counting on change being good for folks our age. ■ **Bob Parker** is still happily retired from teaching English and still hanging out in Springfield, where he enjoyed the wonderful OH fall. In addition to reading, writing, and puttering, he reports, "we mostly travel, visiting kids in Canada, MA, and CT: three grandsons and our latest addition, Francesca, now two. She is very funny, another Imelda Marcos, because of her obsession with shoes—her own and others." This fall they were taking part in an Elderhostel near Florence, Italy, and then visiting Venice and Rome, trying to make up for all those years of sticking close to home. ■ **Betsy Cushman Gumbart** writes that for her '97 was the Year of the Family. All 14 of their clan spent a week together on Cape Cod at Brewster, with "just the right mixture of activities for all ages." Another outing with her siblings and spouses on the ME shore was a new and successful experience. Betsy and Bill also spent two weeks on their own in Brussels and two more in Leiden, Holland. ■ **Biffy Darling Sherburne** reports a beautiful summer spent at Lake Dunmore. A new grandson, Christopher, was born on June 17—daughter Nancy and Karl's first child. All are thrilled. Biffy and Don '51 had a wonderful week in the British Virgin Islands last April, sailing with friends from their Nashville Yacht Club. They chartered with Bob and **Peg Davidson Zone** and, as we did last year, had a wonderful time. When their card was written they were about to head south for the winter in St. Pete, FL, where they thoroughly enjoy their ASPEC group at Eckerd College. ■ **Millard C. Davis** spent his summer "throwing his grandchildren into the ocean (see photo in *Ranger Rick*), completing research on pollinators and earthworms for presentation at an international conference on ecological restoration in FL (November 12-15), and attending book-signing parties." In addition, he is working on a biography of Edwin Way Teale. ■ We send the condolences of the class to **Patricia Cavanaugh Boss** on the death of her husband, Thomas E. Boss '52, on August 14. A memorial appeared in the autumn issue. ■ The 1997-98 Class of 1953 Scholarship recipient is a deserving sophomore student. The 1953 Class Scholarship has a book value of $108,567.71 and a market value of $563,262.76. ■ Your correspondents can report on a wonderful natural history tour of South Africa we took in October. We saw most of the large animals, including memorable experiences with white rhino and giraffe, and clearly identified 285 species of birds—almost a third of the southern Africa total. It was an action-packed two and a half weeks, often on the move, staying in some delightful wilderness accommodations. Any of you travel buffs who haven't done it should not miss the "dark continent." ■ **Bill** and **Jan Schongar Wagner** report a new address (P.O. Box 1214, Grantham, NH 03753), as well as a new grandchild—their first—Abigail Louise in Russell, OH, last September. They write: "A new lifestyle each day! See you at reunion." ■ Speaking of reunion, we look forward to seeing you all May 29-31!

1954

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson (Nancy Whittemore) (jvgn83a@prodigy.com), Masons Island, 4 Osprey Lane, Mystic, CT 06355; and Mr. M. Richard Davenport, P.O. Box 365, High Falls, NY 12440.*

Welcome news has arrived from **Patsy Rice Cunningham** (patsy.cunningham@sunnybrook.on.ca), who transferred to the Univ. of Toronto in '53 to be trained as a medical illustrator: "Married Canadian geographer in '57, daughter Bronwen, son Neill. Medical artist at Westminster Hospital Medical School in London, U.K., went to Tanganyika in 1961, stayed 12 years, divorced, became Chief Medical Artist at Sunnybrook, large teaching hospital in Toronto, in 1973. Been here ever since, but the end is in sight: retirement in January 1998—free at last to do all the things I put off until retirement and probably won't be able to remember. Funny—when I was at Middlebury, I thought I would spend my life surrounded by cultivated, stimulating people. I spent it instead surrounded by doctors. Groan! Where is everybody?"

1955

Class Secretaries: *Katherine Hughes von Hartz, 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009 (212/982-7932); and Frank E. Punderson, Jr., 19 West St., Rutland, VT 05701.*

Congratulations to Dr. **William H. Admirand**, whose article "The Physicochemical Basis of Cholesterol Gallstone Formation in Man" was recognized as one of the 10 best published articles in the past 100 years by the American Gastroenterological Assoc. A practicing physician in Reno, NV, since 1976, William received the NV State Medical Assoc.'s Distinguished Physician Award in 1993. This is the highest honor NV colleagues can bestow upon on its recipients. William and wife Jan have three daughters—Leigh '87, Leslie '88, and Joan Admirand '90. ■ You may or may not have heard that some RI wines are getting rave reviews from wine connoisseurs, chefs, and culinary magazines. Among those getting noticed is Susan and **Earl Samson**'s Sakonnet Vineyards in Little Compton, RI. With an annual production of about 50,000 cases, Sakonnet is RI's largest wine producer. A Chardonnay, a Cabernet Franc, and a Vidal Blanc are among the wines produced at Sakonnet that have won awards at international and domestic competitions. Whereas they used to struggle to sell 15,000 cases, they now struggle to meet customer demand. The time and money invested to produce a good product paid off financially in 1996, when Sakonnet earned its first profit. Best Cellars in Manhattan carries only 100 wines—including a 1995 Vidal Blanc from Sakonnet. ■ We regret to report the death of Robin Wilson, wife of **Robert "Bo" Wilson**. She was a very dear friend to many of our classmates. Her zest for life will be sorely missed. Our condolences to "Bo" and their family.

1956

Class Secretaries: *John Chase, 2000 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574; Joan MacKinnon Houghton (jmackho@aol.com), 422 Taylor Pl., Ithaca, NY 14850; and Lee Goodrich Tupman, 309 Cloverway Dr., Alexandria, VA 22314.*

This issue we tried sending out cards to a few of you to solicit news. The return was great. Thanks to all who sent in news. Lets keep it up! E-mail is available at Joan's address (above) and you may fax her at 607/256-4103. ■ The last weekend of October was not only Homecoming at Middlebury, but also a gala celebration of the birth of the Dissipated Eight. The D-8 celebrated its 45th Reunion with a dinner on Friday night and a concert on Saturday night. "I am very proud for having created such a long lasting tradition at Middlebury," writes **Mint Dole**. Mint, who has retired from his product design business, Dole Associates, is acting chair of the newly incorporated Dissipated (Eight) Alumni Association. He and Pete Baldwin '55 were among the founders of the Dissipated Eight in 1952. **John Hammond** and **Jack Harrington** helped round out the harmonizing at the reunion. Unfortunately, **Ron Potier** could not make it. **Helen Starr Ackerman** and husband John '55, another memorable D-8 figure, traveled from MN to attend. Helen is enjoying her freedom now that she is retired from teaching chemistry at the Blake School in Minneapolis. Helen and John spend summers at Lake Owasco in NY. Other classmates at Homecoming (according to class secret agent **Mona Meyers Wheatley**) were **Shirley Thomson Clark, Pat Hunter Highley**, and **Ed Martin**. ■ Many of us are relocating, retiring, or relocating in anticipation of retirement. After living in NM and CO for 14 years, **Sue Sharpe McClain** has moved back to her native St. Petersburg, FL. Sue says that she is happy to have the beaches a part of her life again. ■ Roger and **Helen Kimbark Boocock** have retired to the same little house to which her parents retired many years ago in Barnstable, MA. They plan a trip to Sicily in March. ■ **Bob** and **Connie Frohman Santomenna** sold their house of 26 years in Carlisle, MA, and moved into an 1834 house in South Freeport, ME. Bob is still practicing law, but he and Connie find time to sail from Casco Bay to Mt. Desert Island, sometimes with classmate **Phil Montgomery** and wife Alison, who live in nearby Camden, ME. ■ The Columbia Golf & Country Club, setting for the annual Golf Classic near Rheinbeck, NY, is also the new home site of **Bob** and **Sally Smith Vuillet**. **Mike Philbin** flew in from CA, but **John Hoops** writes that he and **Karl Brautigam** "took all the prize money from Bob and Mike," as well as "the little blue jug and bragging rights for another year." Sally Vuillet prepared a sumptuous banquet for the players to insure everyone's return for the next classic. ■ Among those still gainfully employed, **Gwynne Kimbell Schultz** writes from CA that she is still coordinating a regional ecumenical program for the training of spiritual directors, which is "growing and thriving and a great source of joy." Life is never dull, reports Gwynne, who enjoys time off in WI during the summer. ■ Writing from Kansas City, **Shirley Smith Morefield** reports that she got to visit with **Zane Kotker** when she returned to CT for a high school reunion. Shirley had to move husband Dick to a nursing home in January, after a 14-year struggle with Parkinson's disease. She's a part-time bookkeeper in her son's law firm. ■ Martha's Vineyard resident **Phil Derick** took time out from his business, the Vineyard Insurance Group, to bicycle 194 miles (from Sturbridge, MA, to Provincetown) in three days to benefit the Jimmy Fund (children's cancer fund). His team raised $16,000! Phil worked out for some time preparing for the event, and counts it as one of the most challenging things that he has ever done. ■ In NJ, **Milly Duncan Baker** shows her own horses and is very busy as an instructor and board member of the Winslow Therapeutic Riding Center. Milly reports building projects for both the Therapeutic Center and her church, where she is also quite active. Husband **Matt**, though still working at Picatiny Arsonal, also owns a photographic studio and takes wedding pictures. ■ **Mary Hamilton Anderson** invites classmates heading south to stop in at her shop, Duck Creek Antiques, located just off Route 77 at exit 45 near Statesville, SC. ■ Some of us are traveling with a special focus, like **Norm Crowder**'s trip to Italy for a cooking course. Now wintering in Naples, FL, Norm writes: "Life is good, but my friends keep getting older." ■ **Ron Lawson** traveled to the Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, and Slovakia to visit shrines. He was going to Bavaria for Christmas and New Years. We mentioned in the fall column the sad news that Ron's rectory, St. Agnes of Sienna, in Arlington, MA, tragically burned to the ground last May. Ron writes that "St. Agnes was considered one of the most vibrant parishes in the Boston area with two schools, a convent, and a population figure among the highest in the Archdiocese." A consolation is that no one was hurt and the community rallied with a great outpouring of support. ■ **Meme Parsons Salisbury** has already taken two exciting trips—one to Brittany in June and one to Nova Scotia in August—since retiring from her accounting job last April. In between travels, she is busy with music-related activities. Following in Meme's footsteps, daughter Melanie Salisbury '86 sings with the choruses of both Tanglewood and Boston Symphony Orchestra. ■ Ken and **Sally Evans Herman** have added a major accomplishment to their travel expeditions with a two-month trip across the U.S. to AK, a total of 14,000 miles! ■ Barbara and **John Chase** celebrated 40 years of marriage, hosting a party for their children and spouses and nine grandchildren. They also marked the occasion with a trip to Turkey, "the crossroads of civilization spanning 8,000 years—a wonderful country and friendly people," says John. ■ This must be the 40-year marriage mark for many of us. **Bill** and I (**Joan Mackinnon Houghton**) took a 40-year celebration trip to Italy, poking about the ancient art and architecture. We had much the same feeling that John did. Not much that those guys didn't know! ■ We reported that **Hull Maynard** was elected to the VT State Senate, but we didn't know about the dramatic tension behind the scenes! Hull reports that in a six-way race for three Senate seats, he finished third by 16 votes. A recount was demanded by the fellow who finished fourth (a Republican incumbent), who then demanded a recount of the recount, which left Hull the winner by a slim *two* votes. Number four attempted to invoke both a statute of appeal to the Supreme Court and a statute of entitlement to appeal to past brethren in the Senate. When all else failed, he tried to justify a new election! The newspapers were ablaze with editorials, cartoons, and letters to the editor lambasting the poor sportsmanship of number four. Hull hung steadfastly to his well-deserved seat and was finally confirmed by the Senate. Again, congratulations to you, Hull! ■ **Peg Straus Patierno** enjoyed a get-together with **Charlotte Duryea Brophy** and **Sally Gerhart Mitchel** in RI.

PHOTO CAPTION Louis and **Peg Straus Patierno** recently joined a Global Volunteers service program in Indonesia, where they spent three weeks teaching conversational English on the island of Java. Peg prefers this sort of international service program over conventional travel: "I find that the more I help other people, the better my life is." Peg still works for the Red Cross disaster services, and is now qualified to teach, as well as go out in the field. Last assignment was driving an emergency response vehicle to floods in NJ, to feed people whose homes were damaged.

1957

Class Secretaries: *Polly Pitcher Gabriel (jerryg@crocker.com), 120 Huntington Rd., Hadley, MA 01035; and Heather Hamilton Robinson (crobinson@top.monad.net), P.O. Box 3141, Peterborough, NH 03458.*

In NH, **David Tuttle** was recently honored with the Governor Wentworth Arts Council's designation as artist of the month. A member of both the Mount Washington Valley Arts Assoc. and the Manchester Artists Assoc., David has exhibited in many shows and his paintings can be seen at the Blue Shutter Gallery in Wolfeboro. Working in watercolors, his favorite subjects are old New England houses, barns, and covered bridges. ■ Belated greetings to all from **Carol VanDuyn Terhune, Barb Lesser Fisher**, and **Margie Zornow Thomas**, who considered coming to the 40th but were unable to do so for various reasons. ■ Nature note: On a late October walk through lower campus we found the healthy, full, golden orange '57 maple holding her own when all the neighbors had lost their leaves. ■ In late July, **Lee Hall Albern, Gail Parsell Beckett**, and **Jean Lobban Thompson** and their husbands voyaged up the Pemigewasset River in the hand-crafted steamboat created by Jean's husband, Bob. When Lee and her husband journeyed west in late September, they chose a different mode of transport. A train trip took them from Seattle to Carlsbad, CA, on a trip to visit grandkids. ■ The **Sabra Field** Web site makes Sabra's gallery available online. Visit www.sabrafield.com to scroll through a selection of prints and learn more about the process she uses in their creation. You can also order prints, framed and unframed, by following the simple instructions.

Louis and Peg Straus Patierno '56 in Indonesia (see 1956 column)

1958

CLASS REUNION

Class Secretaries: *Stephanie Eaton, 243 Pleasant St., Littleton, NH 03561; Joseph E. Mohbat (75610.3476@compuserve.com), 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; and Ann Parnie Ormsbee, 1699 Candelero Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.*

As reported in the fall issue, **Warren Wellman** died last August at the age of 61. Among those who mourn his passing are three men who shared a friendship with Warren for 38 years after his graduation from Middlebury: Tomas Feininger '56, Norman Ingham '57, and Peter Salmon '56. Tomas has written of their friendship which began "at a Middlebury smothered by conformity in 1954," when "a handful of 'neutral' men outside the fraternity system petitioned President Stratton to allow some 20 or 25 of us to move into an unoccupied dorm at #1 Weybridge Street. The initiative was successful" and "the loosely knit, frankly unstructured organization that emerged was known as the Atwater Club." Warren, Tomas, Norman, and Peter occupied a suite of two rooms on the top floor of Atwater House during 1955-56, becoming "the Room Mates," a sort of "bound-in-fellowship society of four which was to endure, nourished by informal reunions held every two or three years, over a period of four decades. Reunions were active events, characterized by eating and drinking, sporting events (rough in earlier days, billiards or croquet more recently), cultural visits, animated (downright confrontational at times) discussions on literature, art, history, politics, linguistics, and a general comparing of notes." Coming from diverse backgrounds, majors, and interests, the Room Mates were bonded chiefly by "intellectual curiosity and a low-cost quest for truth. Reunions offered repeated opportunities to test newly acquired knowledge and ideas against past experience, using the sounding board of diverse and questioning peers. Reunions were an intellectual catharsis, an exercise in comparative ideology, a period of reflection or even reorientation." Tomas mourns that now "the ring is broken, the puzzle is missing a vital piece, a spark plug has fallen from our four-cylinder engine." The Room Mates will reune anew, "but with less of the fire of days gone by. Our mortality has been exposed. Yes, Warren, we miss you greatly, almost as much as your widow does. You would want us to carry on. And we shall." Our thanks to Tomas and our condolences to the Room Mates and to Warren's family.

1959

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Anthony Balabon (Kay Shook), 615 Wallace Drive, Wayne, PA 19087; and Dr. Byron H. Koh, 136 Lincoln Ave., Amherst, MA 01002.*

Paul Wachtell lives in Denmark, where he is "surgeon to the Queen." He was formerly the national director of foreign language teaching at the Ministry of Education in Denmark Paul received his Ph.D. (1969) and his M.D. (1984) from the Univ. of Copenhagen. ■ **Nancy Smoller Le Floch** has been recognized in the French publication *Développements* for her outstanding teaching and business achievements in Europe and Japan. ■ Our 40th Reunion co-chairs **Roger Miller** and **Ann Martin Hartmann** want to know if we have any ideas for the 40th. Do we want another canoe trip? More time alone as a class? Such suggestions are necessary for otherwise the College's preplanned organization occurs. Call Roger at 802/254-4638. Roger's printing business with wife Judith and son Scott continues to prosper. Son Jason, who graduated from the NE Conservatory, is percussionist with the Garland, TX, Symphony and a high school band teacher in TX, where high school bands are as big as football. Roger has skied downhill all his life and has sailed for 25 years. He's part owner of a boat docked in the British Virgin Islands and has sailed the Pacific and the coast of Mexico. Early in his sailing career, he owned a boat named the *Jolly Roger*. ■ **Arnold Bailey** is VP for development of the MA College of Pharmacy. Arnold has five grandchildren from two children. A daughter lives a mile away with twins, who were "gearing up for Halloween" when I (Byron) called. Arnold collects sports memorabilia; wife Beatrice collects china and furniture. For eight years he has written a weekly "Collectors' Corner" column for the *Providence Journal*. ■ **Lester** and **Shirley Manchester McDowell** have been running a Hallmark store with collectibles in Scarborough, ME, for five years. Shirley is the owner and day-to-night person; Lester does the financial planning. He also works part-time for L.L. Bean in customer service, where he enjoys talking to people—especially Midd people, when he recognizes their names. They have two children, two grandchildren, and love ME because it is calmer, more relaxed, fewer horns. ■ Don't miss the photo of Roddy Stanton '61 and **George B. Jay** on page 53. ■ **David Murray** retired from teaching at the Univ. of AK three and one-half years ago. He and wife **Barbara Mitchell Murray** live five miles away from the university, where moose regularly pass by. When I called at the end of October, Dave said there was a foot of snow. Dave and Barbara love AK for its wildness and accessibility to the remote Arctic areas where they both continue their research—Barbara on mosses and lichen and David on Arctic flora. David is working on a unified view of Arctic flora with scientists in Russia and Scandinavia. He travels there and e-mail has helped tremendously. Until recently, David visited his mother in the Middlebury area, where he grew up. They also visit Barbara's mother in the Virgin Islands. ■ For two seasons, **Richard Conrad** has operated a bed and breakfast, Judith's Garden, in Goshen, VT, half an hour from the College. A remodeled 1830 farmhouse, it overlooks the valley and the Adirondacks from 1,700 feet up in the Green Mountain National Forest. It's surrounded by perennial flower beds, from which come the herbs and edible flowers that are part of Judith's Garden's "praiseworthy" breakfasts. Yes, Middlebury reunion and graduation folks have stayed there; it's booked for 1999 graduation. Phone 802/247-4707. Wife Judith has launched a garden-design business and Richard has joined SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) and takes part in Goshen government on the selectboard and the board of adjustments. He has two children; wife Judith of three years has three children and two grandchildren. Richard and **Ellie Bliss** sang in last spring's *German Requiem* of Brahms at the College. Though Richard found the rehearsals dull, he was thrilled by the performance, when Emory Fanning riveted the singers' attention on himself with his intense and passionate conducting. I (Byron) experienced this when singing the benediction, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," with the reunion alumni choir. The rehearsal was normal, but the singing at the end of the service was charged with the heart-stopping intensity of Emory's conducting.

1960

Class Secretaries: *Jean Seeler, 5076 Pinnacle Dr., Oldsmar, FL 34677; Rich Wilkinson, 992 Sherwood Forest Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; and Jan Fisher Barstad, 2107 S. Ventura Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.*

Over the October Columbus Day Weekend, five classmates enjoyed a mini-Midd reunion and filed the following news from the top of Mt. Abraham: 1) Piet and **Sally Porter Hoedemaker** are dividing retirement between Perth, Australia, where their sons have settled, Manchester-by-the Sea, MA, and points in between. Sally collects hand-woven Indonesian textiles, especially from the Toba Batak region of North Sumatra, and is looking to market the excess in order to support the habit. Notify Sally ((23 Woodholm Rd., Manchester, MA 01944) of ethnic handcraft fairs or other possible outlets. 2) In April 1997, **Gail Homer** retired from the Boston regional office of the National Park Service. She's traveling and playing, while planning to develop a second career in the decorative arts. 3) **Carolyn Ladd** is enjoying grandmotherhood, having launched children Scott, Tasha, and Brett into the world of self-supporting grown-ups. Though her work in mental health in Fairfax, VA, is more challenging than ever in the recently reorganized system, she tries to find time for hiking, canoeing, and skiing, as well as catching up with old friends and new travels. 4) **Judy Falby Tuttle** has founded an alternative program for high school-aged boys with learning or emotional/behavioral handicaps. It's a travel program with curriculum linked to the Grand Canyon, Bryce, FL, DC, NYC, and Las Vegas, and it has been an eye-opener for some country boys who have never been out of VT. 5) **Deborah Wetmore** continues as membership manager at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA. Both children were married last summer—Joan Heaton in VT in August, and Gardner Heaton in Jackson Hole, WY, in September. An architect, Joan collaborates with her builder-husband Andrew Furtsch. Gardner and wife Michelle plan to work together in mountain guiding and outdoor leadership. ■ Homecoming 1997 saw a number of our classmates back on campus. While Prof. **Russ Leng** is on leave this year (from Midd's political science dept.), he made sure to keep his job as director of Alumni College. He organized a marvelous one-day mini Alumni College called "Attachment to Place" at Homecoming. Amy and **Mike Robinson** and **Jean Seeler** especially appreciated the opportunity to get inside the Robert Frost cabin. Russ and wife Priscilla returned from a three-week trip to Turkey and Greece just the week before. ■ The Dissipated Eight Reunion brought Lew Parker '59, Bob '59 and **Polly Philbrick Ray**, **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner**, **Jake Hopkins**, and **Dave** and **Sue Goodwin Hopkins** back to campus. The D-8 from "our" era sang a wonderful rendition of "Saloon, Saloon, Saloon" at a gala Bicentennial Campaign kickoff dinner on Saturday night. Sue and Dave shared two summer wedding celebrations with many Middlebury friends and Sue's mother Lucy Booth Goodwin '31. Son Stephen '89 married Deborah Reed '90 in OH in June, and son Christopher '87 married Suzanne D'Amoni at the Hopkins's cottage on Lake Champlain in July, with eligible bachelor son Matthew as best man on both occasions. With sadness, Sue reported the death of Dick Reilly, husband of **Gretchen Augat Reilly**, in July, after battling chronic leukemia for many years. Gretchen joined Breck and Hibbie, Hooks and **Susan Yates Johnson**, and

Sue and Dave Hopkins on Cape Cod in September for the wedding of the son of Dick and **Judy Cox Weiler**. While biking on the Cape Cod Bike Trail, they ran into a group of 1967 women alums. A Midd sweatshirt was the give-away and a chorus of "Halls of Ivy" got their attention. Sue noted the age disparity: The '67ers were camping and our classmates were cozy B&Bing. ■ **Susan Yates Johnson** is consulting four days a week in MA and NH public schools, mostly in support of disabled students in inclusive settings. She reports that son Hooks III has three children, one of whom is Hooks IV! Daughter Amy lives in Charleston, MA, and Laura is a family practice physician in Charlotte, NC. ■ Also at Homecoming 1997, Ann Battelle '89—daughter of **Peter and Jean Emrich Battelle**—received an Alumni Achievement Award. Ranked #1 in the U.S. and #5 in the world in freestyle skiing, Ann has set her sights on the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Peter and Jean spent last spring in Europe, mostly in Vienna, where Peter taught at a business university while on leave from teaching at UVM. Jean took a leave of absence from her responsibilities as a high school guidance counselor and is considering other challenges. ■ **Peter Ingold** hopes to see us at our 40th Reunion. (For those of you who still have our 25th Reunion yearbook, check out what he wrote then). ■ **John Howard** married high school sweetheart Lee Bishop in 1989. He is "mostly" retired, but does occasional special projects for the school where he taught after leaving banking in 1989 on his 50th birthday. Other activities include sea kayaking, woodworking, keeping his TR-6 going, civic affairs, gardening, and small engine repair, with much camper travel to see the U.S. and their combined seven kids, spread out from VT to San Francisco. ■ **Jim Hutton** and Maria Luz (Lucy), who have five children and four grandchildren, moved to the Las Vegas, NV, area four years ago. As director of human resources for Trimm Technologies, Inc, where 40 percent of the 300 employees are Spanish-speaking, Jim says his Spanish fluency is a great help—with thanks to Andover, Middlebury, wife Lucy, and over 30 years of living in El Paso, TX. ■ Also out West is **Alisoun MacPherson Hodges**, who has made a major (but temporary) relocation to the high desert region of CA, where she is development officer for a $10 million capital campaign at Deep Springs College. (Although the address for Deep Springs is NV, it's really in CA, in the vicinity of Bishop, CA.) She misses New England terribly, but finds ranch life, the desert, and the Sierras fascinating. She especially enjoys hiking and backpacking in the mountains. ■ David and **Renie Cox Gorsuch** have a chain of retail stores called Gorsuch, Ltd., in Vail, Beaver Creek, Keystone, and Aspen, CO. They also have a mail order catalog (1-800-525-9808) of beautiful ski and casual clothing. Their three sons participate in the business. Renie travels around the country, and overseas to Dusseldorf and Munich each year. During summer months, they take long weekends with family and friends at their ranch in southern CO. **Penny Pitou** visited them last June and they had a great time. ■ Dr. **Sally Giguere Giglio**, the psychologist at Amherst-Pelham Regional High School, is excited that they have a new state-of-the-art addition to the building. Sally trains doctoral-level interns from the UMass program. Dick and Sally celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary with a trip to England and Scotland. ■ Due to downsizing, **Libby Kelley** is working harder than ever in social work at the Univ. of MI hospital in Ann Harbor. She says it's better to be working too hard than not at all. Daughter #2, Meg, graduates from college in May, so Libby will soon be free of financial dependents, which will make retirement a little more feasible a couple or so years hence. ■ Transplanted New Englanders want to buy King Arthur Flour, so owners Frank and **Brianna Baird Sands** have responded to that need. From a modest mailing of 100,000 catalogs in 1990, their catalog sales have grown to make up 7.5 million of the company's $20 million gross revenues, according to a September news story. They now mail 3.5 million catalogs a year. Growth of the mail-order business has been so strong that the company is building a new 33,000-square-foot building to house its mail-order branch. Local customers demanded and got a retail store, where sales are up to $1 million this year. To obtain a catalog, call 1-800-827-6836. ■ When on a book tour at the St. Petersburg (FL) Times Festival of Reading, **Jane Bryant Quinn** was surprised to see me (**Jean Seeler**) in the front row of her presentation. The new version of her classic *Making the Most of Your Money* has been completely revised and updated for the 21st century and shines as a handy reference. Want to know how to choose a mutual fund, how to drop your mortgage insurance, or how to appeal a decision by your HMO? Look it up in Jane's book. Jane devotes considerable attention to the things we need to know to survive the financial upheavals of life-changing events, such as marriage, divorce, remarriage, the birth of a child or grandchild, the death of a spouse, the purchase of a home, or the loss of a job. In her presentation, Jane advised us to look into the new "ROTH" IRA, available in 1998. ■ That's all for now. Keep those cards and letters coming.

SEND US YOUR "DUPES"!

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RETURNED.

1961

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John McConnell enjoys reading *Middlebury Magazine* in San Francisco. He can be reached at jrmcconnell@worldnet.att.net.

PHOTO CAPTION **Roddy Stanton** and George B. Jay '59 were in Oaxaca, Mexico, in November 1997.

1962

Class Secretaries: *Jim Rosin, 475 Quaker Rd., Chappaqua, NY 10514; Judy Bosworth Roesset, 11909 Arch Hill Dr., Austin, TX 78750; and Bonnie Boyd Russ, 11 Ringbolt Rd., Hingham, MA 02043.*

Jan Timmerman Abbott reports: "I'm still the ESL teacher/coordinator in Essex Junction, VT, with 18 students K-12, ages 5-23, mostly Bosnian refugees. Had a morning visit with Dr. Freeman this summer. He's an amazing 99, still on South Street. In April, my husband and I cruised the southern Aegean for a few days with our youngest, Marilyn, a research analyst with an Istanbul brokerage house. Older daughter Debbie joined us from Neuchâtel, Switzerland, on the six-passenger-cabin yacht, along with four German couples. *Very* relaxing! My second trip to Turkey. The food is healthy, people friendly, and sightseeing extraordinary." ■ **Stuart Schwartz**, an expert on the history of Latin America, has been appointed the George Burton Adams Professor of History at Yale. Stuart taught at the Univ. of MN for 29 years before joining the Yale faculty last year. His many honors include the Bolton Prize in Latin American History, several awards for distinguished teaching, and a Fulbright Lectureship to Brazil. Focusing much of his scholarly attention on the colonial history of Brazil, he is the author or co-author of many books and the editor-in-chief of the Cambridge Univ. Press book series Peoples, Events, Controversies in Latin America. ■ We regret to report the death of **Roger W. Sullivan** on August 12, 1997. His wife Susan writes that "one of his last greatest joys" was attending his 35th Reunion last May. We send the condolences of the class to Susan and all the family. ■ A federal office building in Manhattan is to be named after **Ron Brown**, who died in April 1996 in a plane crash in Croatia while on a trade mission. ■ In Chadds Ford, PA, **Dolly Goodfellow Berndt** recently retired from teaching children with learning differences. Now working part time with children who need extra help, she finds this is "just right." She and her husband enjoy traveling and look forward to doing more when they become "empty nesters." ■ **Linda Beauregard Bruner** has remarried and is settled in the sawgrass community of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, near Jacksonville. She and her husband enjoy golf, bridge, the beach, and especially the climate. She is the proud grandmother of Charlie (almost 2) and Andrea (3 mos.), offspring of sons Jeff and Gary. ■ **Leslie Dearborn Cronin** edits the Audubon Naturalist News through which she campaigns for environmental sensitivity and consumer awareness. She is also taking French lessons, golf lessons, and is involved with a book club. In the DC area, she occasionally sees **Tom** and **Marren Ward Meehan** and **Andy** and Carol Keyes '63 **Ferrentino**. ■ **Barbara Chance Hall** started a new business in the spring of 1995: Tapestry Gardens, a field-grown perennial nursery. She spends March-October growing, selling, doing garden design, and everything else a small business requires. A real change from corporate finance—and much more fun. Son Tom is an environmental specialist in CO, Eric a teacher in Woodstock, VT, and Amy an Internet product manager for BBN. ■ **Judie Fawcett Beach** (jbweird@aol.com) sold her catering business a few years ago and moved to London with husband Bill. When they return next year, they'll be living in their new home in Phoenix, AZ. ■ On Chautauqua Lake in NY, John and **Cynthia Cooper Bracken** are building their dream house, big enough to house four visiting sons (three married: John, David, and Mark; one bachelor: Ben) and grandchildren. For the time being, they'll keep their house in Oil City, PA, as well. ■ After 26 years of teaching at Emory Univ., **Jim Warburton** (galgo@aol.com) took early retirement and is now a prof. emeritus. He still teaches part time at Morehouse and Spelman Colleges, plus volunteering two days a week as a reading tutor with Project Adventure. He had a wonderful 1996 summer job for the Olympics: "I was the 'Envoy' for Paraguay. It was a volunteer position, and we had *three years* of training. One envoy per nation, and we lived in the

Roddy Stanton '61 and George B. Jay '59 in Oaxaca (see 1961 column)

Olympic village with the athletes. I actually marched with the athletes in the Opening and Closing ceremonies. I went to the competitions each day. I ate with the athletes. I had a blast! My really important news is that I am now a father! I can't believe it either. I have adopted a 15-year-old boy I met through my work at Project Adventure. John is from South Georgia. Although taking on a teenager is never easy, John and I have a good, open, trusting relationship. I am very proud of him." ■ After Alumni Leadership Conference at Midd in September, I (**Judy Bosworth Roesset**) had lunch with **Scotti Wright**, who is busy teaching and tending cats and flowers. Then I spent a couple of days in London with **Judie Fawcett Beach** before heading to the Lake District to spend several days walking in sun and wind and rain in Grasmere. We went to the theater to see Beauty and the Beast, which was great, browsed through an antique flea market, and talked, talked, talked. I'm still working twice a year for about six weeks for the Austin ISD, doing bilingual testing of Pre-K children.

1963

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Catherine Deutsch Sands, 6008 Benalder Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816; and Christopher J. White (crnbrycst @aol.com), 15 W. Cavalier Rd., Scottsville, NY 14546.*

Roberta (Bo) Libman Keppel spent three weeks of her summer in Mexico, improving her Spanish at the Univ. of Veracruz in the city of Xalapa, participating in an institute on *Popular Educatio* (a la Paulo Friere) in Guanajuato, and another week savoring the art and history of Mexico city. ■ **Carolyn Smith Kehler** has been appointed to the board of directors of the Woodstock (VT) National Bank. A real estate broker with Woodstock Properties, Carolyn is a member of the VT House of Representatives, is active in community affairs, serves as a board member for the VT Natural Resources Council, and is also a justice of the peace. ■ **K. Prescott Low** and family have sold the *Patriot Ledger*, according to the *Boston Globe*. Scott now has a summer place in Somesville on Mt. Desert Island, ME. We've spoken on the phone, but have been unable to cross paths. Our passages this summer were like ships in the night. ■ **Cathy Deutsch Sands** and I (**Chris White**) have agreed to be "social hosts" for reunion—with help from other notable volunteers—and we expect all to come and keep us busy. Looks as though we will be able to keep many of our activities close to our headquarters. Should be lots of fun! See you May 29-31.

1964

Class Secretaries: *Barbara Bailey Hollister, 1347 Stony Brook La., Mountainside, NJ 07092 (bbh@research.att.com); and Robert J. Baskin (bob.baskin@mail.house.gov), 805 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.*

Dick and Anne Watson '69 **Hawley** traveled from VT to ID to visit son Nathan and his wife Kate last summer. Via bicycle! They left home in Underhill, VT, on June 14 and arrived in Moscow on August 4, making the 2,891 miles in just 52 days. Dick writes, "We had a great trip and we were very lucky with both the wind and the weather." They carried with them a tent, sleeping bags, a stove and two liters of fuel, wind pants and tights, a hair dryer—all the necessities of life. They highly recommend cross-country cycling, explaining that the subtleties of the land become more apparent from a bicycle. The cyclist has a 360-degree view of the landscape. And the country provided plenty of surprises. They were completely unprepared for the lush, green countryside and the beautiful birds of ND. And their luck was also excellent: the only flat tire they had was 100 yards from an air compressor! ■ Although **Peter Gerbic** has been forming, shaping, and molding clays for over 20 years, he says he is still trying to find his own symbology. "Allow for the thing to change as you are making it and stay awake to the process," he advises his students at Finger Lakes Community College, where he is an adjunct teacher. After Middlebury, Peter worked as a theatrical set designer before entering the School for American Craftsmen at Rochester Institute of Technology, where he discovered that pottery was his best fit. Through pottery he began to let go of his perfectionism and learned to value imprecision: "We come in many different shapes and sizes, each one perfect in our own way. I like harmonies better than perfection. If it has harmony, then it is perfect." Living and working on a hillside outside Middlesex, NY, he has exhibited his work in Boston, Cleveland, Syracuse, Buffalo, and Rochester. He is now developing a body of work of large ceremonial pieces with a theme to take to a large show.

1965

Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521; and Frederick W. Stetson (fredstets@aol.com), 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

Have you noticed that since September when TV anchor **Elizabeth Fink Farnsworth** is on the screen you also see blue sky, blue water, and a bridge? That's because Elizabeth is back home in San Francisco. Well, Berkeley, actually, but she works in San Francisco. *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer* wanted to give the show more West Coast coverage, which worked out beautifully for Elizabeth, who wanted to go back home to the San Francisco Bay area. *The News Hour* is the first nightly news program to place one of its key contributors outside of the East Coast. Jim Lehrer is still the lead anchor in DC, but moving Elizabeth to San Francisco may give the show a new perspective. And it certainly gives Elizabeth an easier commute! She had been doing the coast-to-coast commute about every other weekend. Husband Charles is an attorney in Oakland and two adult children live in northern CA. ■ **Tjalda Nauta** (tnauta@bentley.edu) was recently appointed library director at Bentley College in Waltham, MA. Her previous position was associate library director for information services. ■ **Alan Granwell** (alan_granwell@notes.pw.com) is director of international tax services for the Washington national tax services office of Price Waterhouse. He has practiced in the area of international taxation for more than 25 years, including three years as international tax counsel and director at the Office of International Tax Affairs at the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury. He has written numerous articles and has been a frequent lecturer on international tax matters. ■ **Carolyn Cassaday** reports that last July she was "fighting the elements in a sailboat off the Atlantic coast of France." In August she was "fighting the heat wave and pollution in Paris. P.S. I won. P.S.S. Fighting French socialized medicine, materialistic thought, and loss of freedom of speech and therapy will be much harder."

1966

Class Secretaries: *John Rehlen, The Manse, P.O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735; and Charlotte Stetson, 10 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Elizabeth Leppman is a visiting assistant prof. of geography and international studies at Miami Univ. in Oxford, OH. Last June, she received a Ph.D. in geography from the Univ. of GA, where her dissertation—"Choices in the Rice Bowl"—dealt with changes in nutrition and diet in Liaoning Province. She did her field work for the study in China from 1993 to 1994, while teaching English at Northeastern Univ. in Shenyang. ■ Peter '63 and **Kristina Krall Cady** and their friend Sandy Morse comprise the successful trio "Woodchucks' Revenge," performing a varied and unusual blend of old favorites and contemporary songs, from traditional fiddle tunes to modern cowboy songs, from Irish ballads to bluegrass harmonies. The Woodchucks have performed throughout VT and in adjoining states, tailoring their programs to fit a wide variety of audiences and themes. Kristina has added fiddle and upright bass to her previous piano and classical music experience; Peter handles vocals and guitar; Sandy plays guitar, mandolin, and banjo. They now have one album on cassette and CD, entitled *Loose in the Hills*, obtainable by calling 802 483-6322. On the CD insert, the Woodchucks are careful to thank their children "for not attempting to have us institutionalized when we decided to do this." How can we resist lyrics like "We believe in simple living/It's the only life we know.... In the land of Ethan Allen/Where the sugar maples grow."

1967

Class Secretaries: *Susan Davis Patterson (spattchs@pop.k12.vt.us), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and David E. Robinson (wissco@juno.com), 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.*

This year the Class of 1967 Scholarship is helping a sophomore psychology major who was on the dean's list last fall and spring and is active in Middlebury as a community volunteer. ■ The Women of '67 enjoyed another wonderful fall gathering, this time on Cape Cod. We traded hiking boots for bicycles and rode out to the National Seashore Beach for lunch and beach walking. Along the way we encountered another Middlebury group—four couples from the class of '60. Gourmet campcraft meals, stories, both funny and significant, shared round the campfire and bundled into our sleeping bags, gave us plenty of material for another verse to our song. **Livvy Barbour Tarleton, Helen Martin Whyte, Laila Fangel Kain, Judy Van Nostrand Sturgis, Marion Boultbee, Susan Freier Geisenheimer, Cathy Buck Leary, Nancy Jope Delaney**, and **Susan Davis Patterson** gathered, under the able leadership of **Margot Childs Cheel**. The sun always shines; the wine tastes consistently tart and sweet; and our annual connecting definitely feels special. We're already planning for the first weekend in October 1998, and hope more women will join us. ■ Homecoming '97 was extra nice this year. VT was enjoying a prolonged El Niño foliage season, so the colors were still at peak brilliance; the campus was groomed to country-club perfection; and the new crouching-panther statue actually looks awesome on a pedestal of VT granite, moved from Mendon, VT, to Middlebury (for a princely, but donated, sum). A

couple dozen or so of our extended-classmate family shared food and football watching. After a delicious but lengthy all-college dinner to kick off the Bicentennial Campaign, and nostalgic singing by four decades of D-8 members (with Shelly and John handling the key vocals of "Miss Otis regrets she's unable to lunch today..."), the classmate dance partners Margot and Susie had assiduously courted all day disappeared, but we were content to dance til the wee morning hours with current Midd men! ■ **Tom** and **Susan Davis Patterson** were happy to run into **Barnes Boffey**, who recently moved to Essex Junction, VT. Barnes is still directing his summer camp and doing some education consulting in the Northeast. ■ Congratulations to **Dana Brigham**, who married Lynette Eckes on July 3, and best wishes to **Gert Jones Wegel**, who married Jim Como late in 1996. ■ Felicia and **David Robinson** have been kept more than busy acting as the U.S. office for the Barque *Picton Castle*, a square-rigger captained by Felicia's brother, Dan Moreland. After more than a year of refit in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, the vessel started an 18-month global voyage in November 1997. David and Felicia handle crew recruitment, media coverage, and general ship's business. "There are still legs of the voyage available for amateur crew who want to go," David says. "No sailing experience is needed." The ship will follow the trade winds through the tropics, returning to Nova Scotia in April 1999. Contact David for more information at (603) 881-9377 or e-mail him at wissco@juno.com.

1968

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Nancy Brooks Richardson (dr44@aol.com), 6 Cameron Rd., Wayland, MA 01778; and David Weinstein, P.O. Box 414, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.*

Our 30th Reunion is rapidly approaching! Make plans now to return to Midd May 29-31—and keep an eye out for updates on the Class of '68 plans.

Send us your "Dupes"!

Sorry,
but from now on
wedding pictures
will not be
returned.

1969

Class Secretaries: *Juliane Wallace, 142 Central Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042; and William H. Hearne (whearne@kodak.com), 324 Ayrault Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.*

Leland Person has been named chair of the Univ. of AL at Birmingham Dept. of English. ■ **Carol Gale** and Michael Barnes (Sienna College) were married on May 10. ■ **John R. Carr III** was recently appointed vice chair (1997-98) of the alternative dispute resolution committee of the American Bar Association's Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS). He also serves on the continuing legal education board of TIPS, served as chair of the TIPS employee benefits committee from 1994-1995, and just completed four years as a TIPS representative to ABA's joint committee on employee benefits. John is an alumni admissions rep for Middlebury in Indianapolis, IN, where he is president and principal of the law firm Buschmann, Carr & Shanks, P.C. ■ **Con J. Brosnan**, VP strategic planning for Sprint PCS, has been appointed to the board of directors of American Technology Corp., a developer of innovative electronic and acoustic technologies, including HyperSonic Sound (HSS). Con reports that "HSS is the most revolutionary new sound generation technology that I have experienced in my 10 years in consumer business" and he looks forward to translating this new technology into profitable consumer products. HSS employs ultrasonics to produce sound directly in the air, eliminating many forms of distortion and reducing room acoustical effects.

1970

Class Secretary: *Andy Wentink (andy@bccls.org), 232 Fycke Ln., Teaneck, NJ 07666.*

The Irine Fokine Ballet Company in NJ has been presenting "The Nutcracker" each year since 1947. This year, Nutcracker alumni rejoined Miss Fokine for a 40th anniversary gala production. One returning alum was **Andy Wentink**, who began studying with Miss Fokine before his 10th birthday. "I was very tall for my age," says Andy in a piece in the *New York Times* (December 7), "so I was eligible for the Mouse King almost immediately." After a number of appearances as Drosselmeier and Mother Ginger, he returned this year as a guest in the first act party scene. In the same article, Andy also credits his dance teacher for furthering his career, since his knowledge of dance won him his first job at the New York Public Library's performing arts branch at Lincoln Center. As the present director of the Hawthorne (NJ) Library, Andy is on the board of the 24-piece Hawthorne Chamber Symphony.

Prof. Allison Stanger with DC chapter/MCAA (see 1972 column)

1971

Class Secretaries: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@spectra.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; and Mr. Barton M. Hall (barth@ncatfyv.uark.edu), P.O. Box 182, Blue Mounds, WI 53517.*

Ken Remsen will be riding in the GTE Big Ride during the summer of 1998, when 1,000 riders will be riding 3,000 miles from Seattle to DC with the goal of raising between $6-$10 million for the American Lung Assoc. "This will be the largest cross-country bike ride ever." Ken reports. Anyone interested in information or helping can reach Ken at remsen@lemming.uvm.edu. ■ After working for more than a decade as an educational consultant, **Howard Verman** has returned to the classroom as the principal of Brewster Pierce Elementary School in Huntington, VT. His school of 147 students is trying to promote recreational reading. As Howard puts it, "When I was teaching, I had to compete with the television. Now we have to compete with the television and Nintendo." ■ **Perry Perine** is happy to be back in New England, as the new rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in New Milford, CT. He had been rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Pitman, NJ, for six years. Perry and wife Kathy have two children, Meg (11) and Mark (6). ■ Landscapes by **Alleyne Howell** were exhibited from October 12 to November 18 at the New Canaan (CT) Library. Alleyne has been represented in solo and group shows throughout New England and NY, and his monotypes are in numerous public and corporate collections. According to reviews, his landscapes "reflect an underlying minimalism, sometimes bordering on abstraction." ■ Novelist **Julia Alvarez** was a featured speaker at Appalachian State Univ. on September 4, along with Dede Mirabal, one of the Mirabal sisters fictionalized by Julia in *In the Time of the Butterflies* (1994). *Butterflies* was required reading for all entering students this year at Appalachian State.

1972

Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Hamlin Church (jhchurch@sienahts.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and Judy Wingham (bjsmith@hookup.net), 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.*

Richard Prario is teaching modern foreign languages this year at Derby Academy in Hingham, MA. The Derby student body (pre-kindergarten through grade 9) represents 25 different greater Boston communities. Richard has more than 20 years of language teaching experience, most recently at Friends Academy in North Dartmouth. ■ With the help of **Peter Hope**, I (**Judy Wingham**) succeeded last spring in locating my long-lost freshman-year roommate, **Dana Wentworth Coles** (see your reunion yearbook supplement). I recently received a letter from her, expressing her disappointment that she was not able to make it to VT for our 25th Reunion. She and her family spent some time visiting friends in Paris last summer. Dana is now taking French courses in her free time, "to brush up on my very rusty speaking abilities. I have found that when we go to France I still find it very difficult to speak. Should have tried harder when I was young!" I'm sure that your French will be terrific by next summer, Dana! ■ And great news from **Gavin Cullen**, who lives in Dallas. He and wife Kate became parents for the second time with the birth of Matthew August Cullen on July 25. Congratulations, Gavin, Kate, and big sister Emily! "One nurse called it Christmas in July!" writes Gavin. He goes on to say: "I live well. We've prospered in TX. My work is challenging, satisfying, and rewarding. I have a smart, pretty wife, and beautiful

children. I still write music and my trio performs regularly in Dallas/Ft. Worth. We enjoy good health." Gavin stays in touch with **Ken Pabst** and **Biff Bartley**, who live in the same area. After returning home from our reunion, Gavin regaled them with stories of his "weekend journey." As Gavin says, "We get together from time to time and bore our families to tears with our [Midd] stories. They're good friends and we don't see enough of each other." ■ To all my classmates and good friends, of whom I don't see enough either, I send greetings! Keep on writing/e-mailing/phoning, and we'll have lots more news for you in the spring issue!

PHOTO CAPTION Speaking on the Clinton administration's foreign policy, Midd poli sci prof. Allison Stanger addressed the DC chapter of MCAA last May in the back yard of **Bruce** and **Louise Gentry Brennan**.

1973

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Robert L. Badger (badgerrl@potsdam.edu), 16 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676, and H. Kit Fuller (kitfuller@usgs.gov), 4600 Cloud Ct., Boulder, CO 80301.*

John Bell has worked with the Bread and Puppet Theater since the 1970s. With a Ph.D. from Columbia (1993), he also teaches theater at NYU and RI School of Design. Using his combination of skills and experience, John has written a book, *Landscape and Desire, Bread and Puppet Pageants in the 1990s* (published by Bread and Puppet Press, Glover, VT, 1997), giving historical background to the pageants and relating them to other theatrical events. His text is illuminated by a collection of photographs taken over the last 15 years by Ronald Simon. ■ In NYC, **Christopher Schultz** has been named treasurer of ASARCO Inc., producer of nonferrous metals and specialty chemicals, with sales in 1996 of $2.7 billion. Christopher joined ASARCO in 1980. He and wife Elizabeth live in Brooklyn with their two daughters. ■ While on sabbatical this fall semester, **Robert Badger** is in Shenandoah National Park hiking the trails, chasing wood nymphs, and trying to write a book on the geology of the park. ■ Despite nearly a decade in southern CA, **Robin Cruise** (rcruise@harcourtbrace.com) has not learned how to surf. She continues to toil as managing editor of children's books for Harcourt Brace & Company. Her professional colleagues include Hilary Achauer '95 and Allyn Johnston '84, the editor of Robin's forthcoming (April 1998) novel for kids, *The Top-Secret Journal of Fiona Claire Jardin.*

1974

Class Secretaries: *Greg Dennis (greg denis@aol.com), 1053 Hermes Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024; and Barry Schultz King (kinglet@together.net), P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766.*

Whether or not you're online these days, we would love to hear from you. E-mail communications are appreciated at the e-mail addresses above, or drop us a line in the mail. Remember, too, that you can easily search for a classmate's address on the Middlebury College Web site. Get yourself to www.middlebury.edu, then click on "Alumni & Parent Info," then "MiddMail." Use the search function to find someone's e-mail address. And while you're there, be sure to add your own e-mail address. ■ The Gondo story continues. You may recall that in last issue's class notes, Barry wrote that she and husband, Warren had received an American flag in the mail from a senator, along with a message that it had been flown over the Capitol in our names "at the request of **Glenn 'Gondo' Dallaire**." He has since gotten in touch from 1112 N. Sycamore St., Falls Church, VA 22046: "I'm involved in doing investigation and litigation work for the federal government, playing a lot of soccer, enjoying life (at least the parts I can remember the next morning), miss VT and classmates." Gondo adds that he has "thoroughly enjoyed reading **Chris Granstrom**'s well written articles in *Vermont Life*." As a freshman Hepburn hallmate of Gondo, I (Greg) recall with appreciation how lively he made the place. You may remember that Gondo was our class's Kilroy, and I'll bet that somewhere on the campus, there's still a scrawled "Gondo" inscription that the maintenance crew has yet to discover and eradicate. ■ **Richard Hirsch** (richards@vt.edu) was "motivated to write because of comments made by my classmates in a previous *MiddMag* concerning the empty-nest syndrome. Well, I'm on the other end of the life-cycle spectrum, having adopted (in March 1996) a baby boy from Paraguay. David is now a little over two years old and doing all the things toddlers do. He's a wonderful kid and my wife, Margene, our other son, Stephen (7), and I love him dearly. But what is funny/ironic is that we are still in the diaper stage of life with children while my former colleagues are in their college years with their kids. We're still waiting for David to talk in near intelligible sentences, while my friends are watching their kids bring home high grades from college. Life in Blacksburg, VA, is similar to life in VT, though we don't get as much snow. We live in the mountains in a college town, home of Virginia Tech, where I am a prof. of history of technology (since 1980). Though the school has about 25,000 students, it's still a small community, and we all seem to thrive here." You can reach Richard at Dept. of History, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061. ■ **Peggy Robinson** has changed her first name to Ellis, an old name in her family. Ellis writes from Seattle: "The last year has been terrific: new home, new love (that continues to get even better, despite a continent between us—Dick lives and works in NYC!), and great work, including a just-launched intensive seminar teaching membership development to environmental groups from five states." You can reach her at ellisrobs@aol.com or write Access Marketing, 7318 Linden Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103. ■ **Lindsey** and Zoe Schurz '75 **Keck** live on a small farm in southeastern PA "with six kids (ages 19 to 4), three horses, four cows, two dozen chickens, a dog, and numerous barn cats. Daughter Kate (freshman at Lewis and Clark College in Portland) spent last year in Japan as a Rotary exchange student. Daughter Maggie (high school junior) studies voice and has a job as a paid soloist in a local church. Son Ben (high school sophomore) plays football, wrestles, and started a rock and roll band. Andy (junior high) is struggling with being 13, enough of a task to keep anyone occupied for a year. Molly (4th grade) has taken up competitive swimming at the local Y. Johanna (4) is a lovely young lady. We've also been taking in various exchange students off and on since Kate got involved with the program." Lindsey has "spent the last 19-plus years working for Johnson Matthey, a British-based company in the precious metals business. Basically, we do everything and anything connected to platinum and the platinum group metals, and more recently have been expanding into the electronics industry. I started with the catalyst div. in R&D and have knocked around three divs. here in the Delaware Valley, mostly doing product development and, for my sins, developing quality systems. I am now the quality and engineering manager in our Nobel Metals div. Basically, I've become one of THEM—dirty capitalist Republican Oppressor of the Working Class, etc. Zoe has spent the years raising the kids, a monumental task, and taking care of the animals. Since Jo will be starting school next year, Zoe is planning to start a business doing Internet research for hire. A couple of years ago, we bought a used school bus, since it was the only car we could find that would hold the whole family, the dog, and the camping gear. So, although I'm a dirty capitalist ROWC, they don't let me park in the executive parking lot." ■ **Margot K. Vicary**, of Peoria, AZ, traveled to Colorado Springs "to see the sights and experience nature." She saw "a laudable Red Cross shelter effort," having herself recently attained certification from the Red Cross. She is also involved with the National Committee to Save/Preserve Social Security and Medicare. She wants to hear from friends and visitors at 10860 N. 85th St., Peoria, AZ 85348. ■ After Middlebury, **Bob Hutton** says he "lived in Germany for a year as an *au pair*. In 1976-'77 I earned my M.Music in music ed. from West Chester State Univ. near Philadelphia, where I ran across a pamphlet in the placement office entitled 'So You Want to Teach in Alaska?' Guess I did, since I've been here ever since. I live in Hoonah, a village of about 1,000 people who are mostly Northwest Coast (Tlingit) Natives. Hoonah is about 35 air miles west of Juneau, the state capital, out on Chichagof Island. You can get to Hoonah only by small plane or ferry, although there are lots of logging roads to drive on once you get out here. I teach German I and II on alternate years, physics and chemistry on alternate years, classroom music K-5, and band (grades 6, 7-8, and 9-12). Our enrollment is about 250, K-12. I met my wife Glenda here in Hoonah. She is a reading specialist in the elementary school. My daughter Ashley (16) is involved in music and volleyball. We make a point of getting 'outside' in the summertime and traveling, but do get some time 'in' to do some gardening and fishing for halibut. We like skiing in the winter, and waterskiing in the summer (wet suit). Middlebury's e-mail directory has resulted in some great opportunities to reconnect. Sure like to hear from some of you out there, especially since I haven't been to any of our reunions. My address: bhutton@seaknet.alaska.edu."

1975

Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown (72437.1164@compuserve.com), 1 Roseland Rd., Worcester, MA 01609, and Tony MacDonald (macemmert@aol.com), 150 12th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.*

We were encouraged this fall by the number of classmates who spontaneously sent news so that we could share it with the rest of you. To set a good example, **Becca Gustafson Brown** would like to relay that she and husband Ken have lived in Worcester for almost 15 years. In addition to overseeing a hectic family schedule—which includes activities for Johanna (15), Peter (12), and Sarah (10)—Becca volunteers at the children's schools, tends her gardens, and paints. She watercolors primarily for personal enjoyment, although she has done a few commission pieces (one hangs in **Tony MacDonald**'s home), along with designing the family Christmas card each year. Becca recently renewed contact with Nancy Smith Detra '76, who is liv-

ing in a lovely rural spot in Brattleboro, VT, with husband **Steve Detra** and children Colin (10) and Nelly (4). Nancy is launching a notecard business with wonderful, whimsical designs. ■ **Tony MacDonald** spent a few days last summer on the shore of Lake Champlain with Lisa and **Michael Cushman**, as guests of Mary and Tom Stillman '76 and assorted kids. ■ **Paul Cousins**, meteorologist at WGME-TV in Portland, ME, was recognized as providing the best weathercast in the state at the annual ME Assoc. of Broadcasters convention. This is the second time in four years he has received this award. With a B.S. in meteorology from Lyndon State (1977), Paul had broadcasting positions at NBC affiliates in Portland, Hartford, and Boston before joining the CBS affiliate in Portland in 1987. Lyndon State has selected him as both Outstanding Graduate of the '70s and Distinguished Alum of the Year (1985). To augment his broadcasting responsibilities, Paul directs a meteorological consultancy serving industrial, municipal, and media concerns throughout northern New England. ■ **Melissa Thyoneus** (formerly Melissa Blackmer) moved to the mountains of Sonoro, CA, where she enjoys "more dramatic seasons." She is still in nursing, currently in intensive care. ■ For news of **Roger** and Lucy Call '76 **King**, see the 1976 column. ■ **Mark Evenson** is an assistant prof. of Spanish in the dept. of humanities at the Univ. of WI at Platteville. He was previously at Gustavus Adolphus College. ■ **Max Eaton** was inducted into the Middlebury High School Alumni Assoc. Hall of Fame in September. As the *Addison County Independent* put it: "His civic contributions in various organizations are endless!" ■ **Andrew Johnson** of Greensboro, VT, placed third at the annual Craftsbury Run and Walk Road Race on the Common in Hardwick, VT, last summer. Fifty runners competed in the 5K race. ■ Old Saybrook, CT, artist **David Brown** works at home—a 210-year-old hay house surrounded by a large meadow of flowers, vegetables, and fruits, which he tends to himself. His 300-square-foot house has no electricity and only a hand-pumped water supply, which adds to the charm of the environment. Beginning on March 17, he has painted the sunrise every morning: "I tend to paint fast," he says of his work. "I've been painting sunrises every morning and plan on doing it for an entire year." And they've been selling so well that he has to paint many of them twice, in order to keep the 365 originals for a show next year. Another long-term project involves painting a walk-in still-life which will take about six months to complete. David is also very much involved in the settling of Tibetans in the U.S. ■ **Richard Eldridge**, who teaches philosophy at Swarthmore, has a new book out. *Leading a Human Life* was published in November by the Univ. of Chicago Press. ■ Have you moved? Changed jobs? Run into fellow alums? Cavorted in exotic locales? Or just want to check in? Please consider sending a note or e-mail to Becca or Tony over the next few months.

1976

Class Secretaries: *Marion Adler (madler@hhj.com), 530 N. Linden, Oak Park, IL 60302; Jennifer Cogswell, 6 Overlook Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; and John M. Henderson, 131 Martin Rd., Concord, MA 01742.*

Andrew Cohen, a Univ. of AZ (Tucson) geosciences prof., has been awarded a $780,000 NSF grant to develop a five-summer research program in Africa. Called the Nyanza Project, its mission is tracing the evolutionary path of mankind in Lake Tanganyika, the world's longest fresh-water lake. Andy developed his interest in paleoecology—the study of the ecology of ancient life from fossils and environmental science—as a graduate student at UC Davis. "Lake deposits," Andy notes, "can reveal volumes about climate and environmental change." Lake Tanganyika is nearly 10 million years old (America's Great Lakes are only about 10,000 years old) and is teeming with 1,500 species of animals and plants, more than 600 of which cannot be found anywhere else on earth. U.S. college students may apply until January 1, 1998, to work (all expenses paid) with a multinational team led by Andy. Andy's Web site is www.geo.arizona.edu/Nyanza. Andy and wife Debra have twin sons. ■ Last summer was a busy one for Roger '75 and **Lucy Call King**. First there was a Boothbay Harbor family reunion in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of the parents of Roger and Elaine King Nickerson '81. Then came river rafting down the Guadeloupe River near San Antonio, TX, followed by hiking and biking in Boulder, CO, and a trip to Gulf Shore, AL, with **Kathleen White Cooke**. ■ Ricardo and **Christi Rentsch de Moraga** took their three boys to France, Spain, and Switzerland last summer. "We wanted them to see the Eiffel Tower before they were out of the nest. We planned our itinerary by where our friends lived and even went back to the bus stop in Geneva where we met. Benoit and **Debbie Smith Benard** were wonderful hosts and let our children rollerblade and skateboard on their alpine village roads in front of Mont Blanc View. ■ Former class secretary **Bill Kuharich** is now president and general manager of the New Orleans Saints. He has been with the team since 1985 and his recent promotion was from executive VP/general manager. ■ **James W. Robinson** became a speech writer for Richard Lesher (then-president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce) in 1982. In September, he was named counselor to new chamber president Thomas J. Donohue. As one of the chamber's top officials, Jim has the responsibility of developing programs that advance free enterprise in the U.S. and abroad. In October his seventh book, *The Excel Phenomenon*, debuted at the No. 2 spot on the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* nonfiction lists, selling about 140,000 copies. According to the *Washington Post*, Jim "wrote the book in six months on airplane rides between Washington and Los Angeles, which he calls home." Jim's other works have covered topics like business in Vietnam and Amway Corp. He finds that his chamber position and his writing dovetail nicely, both celebrating the American entrepreneur. ■ **Jennifer Cogswell** recently spent time with **Nancy Clark Herter** at the family home in Carlisle, MA, where Nancy grew up and now lives with husband Ned and their kids. Jennifer states that "Noochie" was a huge help with a location scout for the MA Office of Tourism. Nancy connected her to an adjacent farm where some of a TV spot was filmed, involving a large, fluffy duck riding horseback. Jennifer also attended Homecoming '97 and was delighted to see John Hunisack, David Littlefield, Emory Fanning, James Armstrong '41, Olin Robison, Erica Wonnacott, Hugh Marlow '57, and many other faces at the Campaign 2000 Kick Off Dinner on October 25. Her highlight of the weekend was playing in the Alumnae Field Hockey game, where she was the oldest player on the field by 20 years, but had a blast playing her old position as forward and keeping right in the game. Jen also visited Bev DeGray and had lunch with her in the Crest Room. Jennifer regularly sees **Greg Venne** (who works for Cone Communications in downtown Boston), along with Martha Fernald Groves '77, Baysie Wightman '77, and "Fish" (Lynn) Fisher '77.

1977

Class Secretaries: *Virginia L. Jones (giniajo@aol.com), 250 County St., Taunton, MA 02780; and Katie Lange Dolan (katie-dolan@msn.com), 4 Beach Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538.*

Sue Finney recently wrote about her life in Seattle—busy with a job in human resources, aerobics, and wine collecting. ■ **Ed Phalen** moved to Lexington, KY, last summer. He plans to work on a class Web page once he gets settled. ■ **Hazel Baysie Wightman** was recently mentioned in *The New Yorker* for her unusual job as a "cool hunter" for Reebok, keeping track of the newest fashions and fads in cool sneakers. (I personally have enjoyed the resurgence of clogs as cool footwear, although—as a good Middlebury graduate—I wore them though the '80s and '90s.) ■ **Betsy Collins** (eac@matsumoto.com) e-mailed that, as a neophyte in the online world, she still sketches out her thoughts longhand on paper before typing letters into her computer. Betsy and Scott Matsumoto have two daughters, Katharine and Rebecca. Betsy teaches dancing part time, but is considering the merits of being a full-time suburban soccer mom. (Yes, she even has a minivan.) ■ **Claire Hibbard Akey** is busy with a part-time child care job at a health club, while using her incredible organizational skills in the Newcomers Club for Andover, MA. ■ Dr. **Michele Harvan Montgomery** is busy with her family practice, but found time to run a 5-kilometer road race during a recent trip to Chicago. ■ As part of my mid-life crisis and search for the fountain of youth, I (**Katie Lange Dolan**) recently fulfilled a long-standing dream of completing the Hawaii Ironman triathlon. It took me nearly 15 hours, but there was wonderful camaraderie with fellow athletes plugging along during the marathon at 9:30 p.m. in the midst of dark lava fields—and a great sense of accomplishment crossing the finish line. While in HI, I had a chance to swim at a beautiful beach, watch manta rays, and catch up with **Alex Bernstein**. After an extensive trip to Europe (via our Middlebury reunion), Alex returned to Wiamea up in the "mountains" of HI, where she has been active in local conservation groups and working part time for a timeshare company. Spending time with Alex after 20 years was great. Although we lead very different lives, we share the same opinions on many issues. ■ A recent article in the *New York Times* on "back-to-back power lunches" described the new trend for busy, overworked people to schedule 20-minute meals in order to fit in two lunches on the same day—picking over salads or raw tuna—as they meet with important clients and business contacts. We're hoping that your lives are not quite so crazy and that you'll find time to implement beginning-of-year resolutions to stay in touch with Middlebury. (Remember, there's a card for sending us your news attached to the Magazine.) Ginni and I wish you a great 1998 and look forward to reading your letters and e-mails!

1978

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Michael Abend (mikeabend@aol.com), 119 Maple St., Carlisle, MA 01741; Kevin D. O'Leary*

Class Act

The End of the Innocence

Robert Weston Ackerman '80 is spending a lot of time these days worrying and gnashing his teeth as he ponders the fate of six characters who have left the domain of his imagination and are headed for your local movie theater. "I just wince every two hours, when it occurs to me that I expect people to sit in the dark and care about these f——d-up twenty-eight year olds I started listening to six years ago when *Origin of the Species* first wriggled around in my mind."

Origin of the Species, the play he wrote after receiving the news of a friend's suicide, was optioned as a screenplay (which he also wrote) and will be released as a film by Nichols Productions. Through a series of serendipitous events (involving, among other things, a beautiful actress, an escaped parrot, a dentist, and a fax machine—but that's another story), Ackerman has had the privilege of watching his creation make its own idiosyncratic way into the public domain.

While Ackerman did have considerable theater experience ("acting and four years in Chicago directing every genre of play possible"), he didn't consider himself a playwright at the time. His friend's death, though, "crystallized some thoughts for me. I wanted to do a project about the truth of a specific life space: the time in peoples' lives when they are in their late twenties, which is the time in our society when we are forcibly separated from the cult of protracted adolescence that our culture worships. There comes an age when we are pushed and dragged into adulthood, and you either survive it or it kills you."

In real life, Ackerman does props and special effects for advertisements—"For a beer commercial, I'm the guy who pours the beer, makes the label. . . I make fluffy piles of towels for laundry detergent bottles to fall onto. . ."—work he characterizes as "arts and crafts." He lives "the bourgeois life" with his wife, Carol Weston '80 (Language School), and two children. But since first writing *Origin*, he is now fully involved in playwriting. His current script, *Tabletop* (about making TV commercials) is going into workshop production soon. ■

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Jack Doyle, who played hockey at Midd, attended funeral services last summer for coach Wendy Forbes '51, who died on July 31. (A memorial appeared in the fall issue.) Jack reports that, while a senior, he had a chance to spend his final semester studying in Moscow, prematurely ending his college hockey career. While he agonized over the decision, Wendy put an arm around him and said, "Heck, Jack, how many chances are you going to have to go to Russia?" Jack placed the medal he won playing hockey 20 years ago in Russia on Wendy's grave. Jack recently returned to Russia for the first time, because he and wife Sheila are adopting two six-month-old Russian children. They join Mattie, Tara, and Patrick at the Doyle home in Rye, NY. Jack, congratulations and keep us posted. How 'bout a picture of the entire clan? ■ **Bruce Johnson** has become senior VP, human resources, with America West Airlines. Bruce formerly held executive positions with Ryder System, IBM, Sequa, Frito-Lay, and ITT. According to a recent study conducted by *Frequent Flyer* magazine, America West ranked number one in customer satisfaction among the nine major U.S. carriers for short-haul flights. Your class secretaries therefore suggest we all try America West! (As long as we get free peanuts.) ■ On the baby front, Jeff Harding and **Beth Warfield** have a daughter, Carol Warfield Harding, born August 26. Beth reports that Carol "has a wonderful laugh and is surviving, despite repeated torture from her 2 1/2 year old brother, Christopher. Oh, and yes, Chris did ask me to put her back in my tummy at one point when her presence became inconvenient for him." Beth was gearing up for Christmas sales with her business. Congratulations, Beth! ■ Since early 1996, **Emory Williams** has been living in Beijing, where he is in the building-materials business. His company manufactures international quality concrete masonry (CMU) building systems, and they have plants operating in Tianjin and Shanghai, and are building a third plant in Beijing. Emory reports that "as the first, quality producer of these items in China, we face the challenge of building the industry along with the business. It is quite interesting and challenging, though a long way from home in Chicago, where my wife Nancy and son prefer to live. China is growing and developing like a weed. The changes just since I moved here are remarkable." Son John was born in May 1997 and has already gotten to hike and camp with his parents in NM and southern CO. Emory reports that "John got to hike with us up to about 11,500 feet, and had fewer problems breathing than I did with him on my back." Emory would love to hear from classmates and can be reached through his company Website at Sureblock.com. ■ **William "Buff" Burchfield** reports that he is getting to visit Middlebury more often lately, since his parents bought a home in Cornwall, five minutes from campus. ■ **Peggy Baldwin Briggs** reports that she and several longtime colleagues have started an environmental consulting firm, Epsilon Associates, in Maynard, MA. Her family is doing very well, but she can't believe her oldest son, Tucker, will be in high school next fall! Tucker will be a freshman classmate of **Michael Abend**'s oldest, Brian! ■ **John Farmer** reports that he has been basking in Boulder four years, since moving back from five years in the exotic Far East (HK and Singapore). He is an advertising writer, adjunct professor at CU, outdoorsman, and occasional fireside musician. John reports that he often spends time with **Dave** and **Betsey Flanagan Martens** in the mountains. He loves the lifestyle and would love to catch up with old buds and bud-ettes at jfarmer@integer.com—and of course drop-ins who are headed up to ski are welcome. ■ **Ed Kanze** continues to travel. He and wife Debbie spent nine months in Australia in 1996 and two months in New Zealand. "What a year! We circled the country, made it into the dry red center, and by the time we were done had driven 25,000 miles in the old Toyota station wagon we bought in Tasmania. Much of the story will turn up in a book one of these days." When we heard from Ed and Debbie they were living in the Great Smoky Mountains of TN, where Debbie is a ranger at the national park, and Ed is writing in a cabin á la Thoreau. Meanwhile, they are considering another move back to New England, just in time for reunion! ■ Thanks for all the news! To all of you who have access to the Internet, check out the Midd Web Page and the class e-mail directory. Add your address and drop us a note!

1979

Class Secretaries: *Donna Brewer MacKenna (dbmack@aol.com), 125 School St., South Hamilton, MA 01982; and Margaret A. Paine (mapaine@christa.unh.edu), 17 Old Landing Road, Durham, NH.03824.*

While hiking on Cape Ann, MA, **Pam Cross Guthrie** saw a family outfitted in Midd caps and sweatshirts—something not often seen where she lives in CO. She reports that her kids—Sally (7) and Chris (4)—didn't catch the excitement. ■ **Allan Rau** of Wilton, CT, has been appointed director of business partnerships at Stamford-based Trade Dimensions. He was formerly director of marketing research and analysis at ACTMEDIA in Norwalk and an industry account manager at Donnelley Marketing Information Services in Stamford. ■ **Deirdre Browne** has been back in Addison County for the last three years after some extended traveling. "I am happy and settled in the Vergennes area, between Middlebury and Burlington. Joys both personal and business: three

children—Jasper (13), Violet (11), and Harry (in kindergarten)—are teaching me about how different it is to be a child now rather than "in the old days," as they say, when I was young. Professionally, my life has been productive and positive. I'm involved in local real estate as a realtor in the Vergennes office of Coldwell Banker Bill Beck Real Estate. I was recently sworn in as the 1998 president of the Addison County Board of Realtors, and am looking forward to a wonderful '98. Although college is a page in the distant past now, I would like to hear from old friends anytime. E-mail me at cbbeckvg @sover.net for now."

1980

Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

James Satterfield has been named director of publications and editor-in-chief of the *Environmental Law Reporter.* ELR staff people sift through the massive, constantly changing volume of environmental law and litigation, then organize, summarize, and index that information for quick and easy reference for environmental practitioners. ■ **Sheila McDowell Young** reports the birth of her third child, daughter Aaliyah Aurelia, on December 24, 1996. "Aaliyah means exalted in Swahili. Eddie, my oldest, is a freshman at Governor Dummer Academy. Kristina is in the eighth grade at Brookwood. She was a Brookwood Scholar last year and is on high honor roll this year." ■ Let's hear from more classmates this time. Fill out the card attached to your magazine and send it in!

1981

Class Secretaries: *Anne Borchardt Exler (exler@erols.com), 6160 Llanfair Dr., Columbia, MD 21044; and Sue Dutcher Wagley, 4060 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225.*

Tom Mansfield (malalit@ulster.net) and Miriam Altshuler '83 are happily self-employed and living in Red Hook, NY—"the one in the Hudson Valley, not Brooklyn." Tom imports gift products from around the world and Miriam has her own literary agency. "Any budding authors out there?" Son Caleb is five this November; daughter Erica was born on January 27, 1996. ■ **Jacqueline Price** and David C. Griffin were married on August 3, 1996. ■ Don and **Diane Meyer Lowman** took sons Dustin (4 1/2) and Devon (2 1/2) to Portugal and England last summer. "The kids had a blast—especially on all the forms of transportation in London."

1982

Class Secretaries: *Mary Beth Litster Cockerham (marybeth.cockerham@east.sun.com), 1262 Dartmouth Ct., Alexandria, VA 22314; and Ellen Harris Swiggett (jswigg@aol.com), 13 Georgetown Cir., Madison, CT 06443.*

Brian Williams has been named director of the Interlink Language Center at Valparaiso Univ. Brian has extensive experience in teaching ESL in the U.S. and with the Peace Corps in Morocco, Sri Lanka, England, Germany, and France. ■ **Kathleen McGillicuddy** and Christopher J. Bell were married recently in Winchester, MA. The newlyweds met at the State House Christmas party while Kathleen worked for a Republican senator and Christopher worked for a Democratic representative. She is now employed in the MA executive office of environmental affairs. ■ **Beth McCombs Westvold** seems to have a knack for money managing at State Street Research & Management in Boston. According to a recent newspaper spot, Beth finds institutional markets that have underperformed and accurately predicts their growth potential. She lives in Weston with husband Scott and children Sarah (3) and Scott, Jr. (born in June). ■ **Mitch Cohen** had a great excuse for missing the 15th Reunion last spring. His son, David Keith, arrived in mid-May, joining siblings Benjamin Harris (5) and Liberty Rose (3). Fans of Comedy Central's *Win Ben Stein's Money* may have seen Mitch on the show in October. ■ **Kate Kennedy** is being kept busy as the science department chair at Ashland (OR) High School. She made the trip east last summer and visited the Midd campus with her daughter, Jamie (11). She also caught up with **Meredith Wade** and **Lydia Mason Hill** during her visit. ■ David and **Margo Rice Jay** are pleased to announce the birth of Oliver William, born in October. Oliver joins sister Virginia. While not wrestling with feedings and sleep deprivation, Margo is working as an environmental consultant and living in Watertown, MA. ■ **Mary Frangakis Clark** is a self-employed marketing consultant in Baltimore. She is very involved with the Greek community in the Baltimore-Washington area and is president of the Federation of Hellenic Societies of the Baltimore-Washington Region. ■ **Charlie Robinson** recently completed in the eighth annual MBA Sailing Cup in Newport, RI. His Duke team finished fourth out of 19 boats, the largest participation ever. Charlie started this event while at Duke. All proceeds go to Shake-a-Leg, a non-profit providing support to the physically challenged. ■ **Denise Walker Lee** wins the award for the most comprehensive update, as she's never submitted information before. Married in 1987, she and Mark have three children, Jessica (6), Rebecca (3), and Darren (1). They live in Fairfield, CT, where Denise is a very busy, full-time mom. ■ **Alison McGhee**'s first novel, *Rainlight* (published by Papier-Mâché Press), will be in bookstores in March. ■ Finally, a very special and belated thanks to **Betsy Currier Beacom**, who spent countless hours compiling information from '82 classmates for the Reunion Newsletter. The Newsletter's a terrific source of information on classmates, and we truly appreciate Betsy's efforts to gather and share the profiles.

1983

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Karey Dubiel Dye, 735 Storywood, Houston, TX 77024; and Jeanne Hammond Larsen, 3628 Knik Ave., Anchorage, AK 99517.*

Jamie Hutchins is the new coach of the Vermont Wanderers, a third division professional soccer club based in Burlington and affiliated with the New England Revolution of major league soccer. "I wish this team had been here when I was young enough to run around," Jamie says. "But coaching is the next big thing for me. It's really fun and exciting." Jamie was a professional soccer player for six years and coached skiing and soccer at Green Mountain Valley School for seven years. ■ **Diane Miller** is the new clinical manager of the VT Sports Medicine Center, located in the Woodstock Inn Sports Center. With an M.S. in physical therapy from Boston Univ. (1988), Diane specializes in sports physical therapy, manual therapy, and spine treatment. She lives in Killington with her husband and two sons. ■ **Victoria Seiden Gonin** has moved to Paris with her husband and three sons. She writes that she is "busy pursuing the challenge of living abroad!" ■ **Charles Tercek**, who lives in Beverly Hills, CA, keeps busy as a staff writer for *Sabrina the Teenaged Witch.* ■ **Molly Finnerty** completed her residency in psychiatry last spring at Columbia Univ.'s Psychoanalytic Institute. ■ For news of Tom Mansfield '81 and **Miriam Altshuler** (malalit@ulster.net), turn to the 1981 column. ■ **Thomas B. Samuels** is an attorney for a London-based petroleum company. ■ **Fred Taylor** was recently selected as one of Denver's "Forty Under 40" young business leaders by the *Denver Business Journal.* ■ On September 27, Elise Runsdorf and **Brian Napack** were married in Mount Marion, NY. Brian is VP of educational publishing at Disney Interactive, the Disney computer software division in Burbank, CA. Elise is a partner in M. Weinstein Jewels in Beverly Hills.

Photo Caption A mini Midd reunion took place in August at the Kelly home in Nottingham, NH: (front row) **Sue Taylor**, Emily and Maggie Mills, **Katie Shipman, Julie Greer Kelly**, (back row) Bob Mills, **Libby West Mills**, and Jim Kelly. The Mills family were on the way home from a vacation in ME. Katie is a landscape designer in Glastonbury. Sue works for an endocrinology partnership in Dover, NH. Now a system architect, Julie works in information systems for Liberty Mutual in Portsmouth, NH.

1984

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Gould Case (76347.1131@compuserve.com), 6490 Snowview Dr., Park City, UT 84098; and David Wagstaff IV, 1007 5th St., #D, Santa Monica, CA 90403.*

Heidi Mosburg ran, finished, and WON her very first marathon last September in Jackson Hole with a time of 3 hours, 36 minutes. The kicker? She didn't even know she'd won until a reporter informed her! Congrats, Heidi-Ho! Heidi lives in Salt Lake City, UT, where she continues to work (and ski) as town administrator for the town of Alta. ■ **Jennifer Stone Potter** was lucky enough to spend a restful sum-

Midd mini-reunion in NH (see 1983 column)

Anne Chapman '84 and Brent Gardner-Smith (see 1984 column)

mer on the beach in Madison, CT, and in the mountains in the Adirondacks, "teaching my kids how to really get the most out of a summer vacation. Lots of swimming, hiking, and outdoor activities." New baby Eliza joined brothers Will and Alex in June 1997. ■ Samuel Marlowe Brick arrived on November 18, much to the delight of parents **Cecil Marlowe** and Timothy Brick and sisters Mollie (5 1/2) and Anna (almost 4). ■ **Matt Ellenthal** married Martha Outlaw (finally, Hoser!) last May in the FL Keys. A West Coast reception held at Mt. Hood's Timberline Lodge in OR saw classmates **Mark Friedman** and **Kristen Gould Case** show up for salmon, hot tubbing, and snowcat skiing on the glacier. An East Coast reception in July included more Midd classmates than can be named in this column. Matt and Martha now reside in Seattle. ■ **Benet Pols** and Mara Singer were married on May 31 at Sebasco Lodge in ME. With his law degree from George Mason Univ., Benet is an attorney in Bath, ME. ■ The June 7 marriage of Jennifer Lawrence and **E. Allen Kenyon** took place in Lowville, NY. His brothers, Brian '89 and John '80, were groomsmen. With master's degrees from Georgia Tech and CO State Univ., Allen is employed at Symbios Logic in Fort Collins. Jennifer teaches Spanish at CSU.

PHOTO CAPTION **Anne Chapman** and Brent Gardner-Smith were married in Maui last May. They now live in Aspen, CO, where Brent is planner for community affairs for Aspen Skiing Co. Anne writes: "After two years as executive director of the Aspen/Snowmass Council for the Arts, I've taken an exciting opportunity back in the gallery business with another Middlebury graduate, Galerie Maximillian owner Albert Sanford '82. Albert is an expert in 19th century prints, and was president of Merrill Chase galleries in Chicago before opening his own gallery in Aspen."

1985

Class Secretary: *Dale Sailer (Dale_Sailer@cccis.com), 2237 Linneman St., Glenview, IL 60025.*

Sarah Van Tuyl Ray is the new associate director of public affairs at Middlebury College. Feel free to contact her by e-mail at sray@middlebury.edu. Husband Mark '84 is in public relations at KSV Communicators in Burlington. ■ Lisa and **Peter A. Clough** (cloughp@aol.com) spent Labor Day weekend in San Francisco visiting Dee and **Chris Santella**. Peter says Chris's golf swing is *still* terrible. Peter changed jobs in March and is now underwriting professional liability for the Philadelphia Insurance Co., "located in Bala Cynwyd, PA—go figure!" ■ Lisa Orup and **Gregory Smith** were married June 21 in Lincoln, OR. Gregory teaches in Seattle, where they live, and Lisa is a physical therapist in Kirkland. ■ **Otto** and **Maggie Russell Berkes** celebrated the arrival of Gustav Peter ("Gus") on July 18. Gus joins brothers Otto Jr. (7) and Max (4) in Seattle, where Otto is development manager for Windows Graphics at Microsoft, and Maggie is chair of the Capitol Hill Cooperative Preschool. ■ Miro and **Laura Ottaviano Copic** (Lottac@aol.com) and son Milan (1) are still in Coral Gables, FL, but have moved to 1124 Valencia Ave. "Milan is already running all over the place. He is what you would call a 'strong willed' child, to put it nicely. A friend of ours once said 'he's not a bully, he's just aggressively social.' Bottom line is, he's a handful. ■ Charlotte Louise, the first child of Rick and **Johanna Glover Wasylik**, was born on August 16. Johanna reports that they "are gradually switching over to organic farming, first with crops and then with our beef cattle and chickens." The Wasyliks live at Chatsworth Farm, RR 1, Box 8, Vermilion, Alberta T9X1Y6 Canada. ■ **David** (mortond@furmanselz.com) and Kerry Polzer '88 **Morton** announce the birth of son Connor Hogan Morton on March 20. He joins sisters Caitlin and Erin. ■ Received a call from one of our former class secretaries, **Phil LeTourneau**, who was full of news from the Pac Northwest. For starters, Phil returned to Midd in January 1996 in that classic role reversal: winter term instructor. Phil's course in archaeology, with fairly heavy reading required, challenged his students to keep their minds off the slopes. He probably met the same challenges our professors did! While at Midd, Phil was visited for a weekend by **Kley Parkhurst** and **Matt Dawson**. Kley and wife Susan and children Madeline, Charlotte, and Jack are reportedly doing great. Matt is still an architect in Toronto. Phil also ran into **Miguel Fernandez**, who has also returned to our alma mater as a visiting instructor of Spanish, replete with two children, Zealand and Sydney. Prior to Phil's stint in VT, he spent two months in Italy with longtime sweetie Janna Rolland, before they moved into their current home in Seattle. Phil is finishing his Ph.D. dissertation on late Ice Age archaeology in the southwestern U.S. He runs into a number of Midd kids, including **Bill** and **Leslie Hazelwood-Spurr**. Bill recently left the large law firm he'd been with and struck out on his own with a partner. The new firm is doing well, as are Leslie (who is teaching in the Seattle school system) and kids Willie and Charlie. ■ **Jane Harvey** and **Charlie Curtis** welcomed a new addition to their family, Samuel Luke Pelham Curtis, on February 5, 1997. Charlie is pursuing his MBA with environmental management certification at the Univ. of WA, while Jane is on leave from the land use and environmental law firm where she's an associate. Finally, Phil reports that Susan and **Paul Curhan** are also in Seattle. Paul works on the Starbucks Frappucino bottled iced-coffee line. ■ **Janet Arnold Hart** and husband Richard announced the birth of son Evan on April 24. Janet reports that Evan "is (of course I'm biased) wonderful." The Harts see Sarah and **Rawson Hubbell** fairly regularly. The Hubbells welcomed daughter Anna in June. She joins her big brother Jackson (now 3). ■ **Dean Jordan** is director of the Nevada Desert Free Air Carbon dioxide Enrichment (FACE) Facility. His address is Desert Research Institute, 755 East Flamingo Rd., P.O. Box 19040, Las Vegas, NV 89119. ■ **Bill Baskin**'s new e-mail address at Pratt & Whitney is baskinwc@pweh.com. ■ Your secretary achieved a stress-producing trifecta during a three-week period during the fall. Laura and I moved into a new home in Glenview on October 28 (see address above). A week later, I was promoted to Group VP at CCC Information Services in Chicago, where I am responsible for our national sales organization. Finally, on November 15, Laura and I welcomed son Calvin into the world, joining brother Philip (5) and sister Emma (3). Having barely survived the experience, I'm going to try and keep a low profile for awhile. Keep those cards and letters coming.

1986

Class Secretaries: *Mary Sue Holland (msh@cbsnews.com), 65 W. 96 St., #17D, New York, NY 10025; and Julie Morris Ogden (julie_ogden@gfs.org), 300 Garrison Forest Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117.*

Scott Campbell, who returned from Africa in the fall, testified in Washington before the House International Relations Committee on a report he wrote as a consultant with Human Rights Watch/Africa, titled "What Kabila is Hiding: Civilian Killings and Impunity in Congo." He also authored an op-ed piece in the *Washington Post* and appeared on CNN to discuss the topic. ■ **Bill Marvin**, who works for the UN in Vienna, reports that he and wife Yuko and daughter Yurika enjoy living in Vienna and have made some good friends. Yurika has started preschool and is concentrating on becoming fluent in English and Japanese before complicating things with German. They have taken advantage of being abroad to travel around Europe. ■ **Cathy Perillo** and husband Dave Huggins moved from rural MN to somewhat less rural western ID. With a doctorate in soil sciences, Cathy is working at WA State Univ. in Pullman. ■ **Wendy Fisher Beach** and a business partner have opened the Hearthside Group, a Burlington, VT, commercial real estate company specializing in inns, bed and breakfasts, and restaurants. ■ **Sarah Christel** is working in various capacities at the New England Culinary Institute in VT. ■ Now living in Northampton, MA, **Edward Ryter** has started a new job with the Chicopee Medical Center. A former staff physician at New England Baptist Hospital and the Boston Regional Medical Center in Stoneham, he tired of the traffic and congestion of eastern MA. Edward has also done two stints in Kenya—the first in the second year of his medical residency, and the second after earning his M.D., when he went back to become medical director of a 185-bed mission hospital in Kikuju, 15 miles from Nairobi. ■ **Daniel Love** was ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of Utica on August 24 in New Hartford, NY. Daniel and wife Carol have worked for Campus Crusade for Christ at the Univ. of VA in Charlottesville, and he has worked in a hospital and nursing home in PA. He was installed as associate pastor of Rye Presbyterian Church in September. ■ **Chris Peters** plans to graduate from Columbia Business School in May '98. Although he hasn't had much time to catch up with NYC classmates, he spent Labor Day in San Francisco and saw Pamela and **Mike Paternini**. He also visited **Dave** and **Susan Gavlick Ballard**, along with **Melissa Marquardt** in Darien. Dave is now at Morgan Stanley. ■ **Jenni Blake** writes that **Bruce Genereaux, Steve Putnam**, and Pete Wlodkowski '84 attended her recent housewarming party. Jenni is the director of admissions and an English teacher at the Crystal Springs Uplands School in San Francisco. Also in CA, Bruce is running his company's talc mine and mill, while kayaking and climbing. He reports that **John Hill** is still in Denver with Echo Bay Mines. John and wife Laura report great Moab mountain bike rides and ski outings in all months of the year around Denver. The Hills recently spent a week on Lake Powell with **Brad Schildt**. Brad has completed the last of 54 14,000-foot mountains in CO and recently climbed

Mt. Rainier with Bruce. Brad also completed the Minneapolis Marathon this fall. ■ **Rich** and **Margaret Gill Sobel** report news of many classmates: **Geoff** and Megan Kemp '88 **Harlan** have moved to NH, where Geoff is developing and recruiting for a new football program at St. Anselm's. ■ **Bill Mentzer** is working for the CA Dept. of Parks, while living on Mount Tamalpais near Mill Valley. ■ **John Griffith** has returned to Nashville after a one-month teachers' exchange program in Japan. ■ **Mark Paradis** and Tracy Pyles (M.A. French '88) were married in August. Mark is studying at Johnson and Wales to become a chef. Joining in the celebration were **Henry Persons, John Hersperger, John Aicher, Rich** and **Margaret Gill Sobel, Greg Scheffer, Brian Buteau, Ron Palmeri, Gary Domoracki, Chris Freyvogel**, and **Arne Heggen**. Arne, a physician's assistant, recently relocated to the Montpelier area. Thanks to Margaret and Rich for so much news! ■ Andy Zehner '84 and **Sue Whitty** welcomed daughter Elinor on June 14. Known as Nell, she joins sister Emma (2). ■ Kathy and **Rob Masinter** announce the birth of daughter Jessica Ann on July 16. Rob is in the corporate finance div. of ARCO in Los Angeles. ■ From Acton, MA, comes the news that Joe and **Heather Breed O'Neil** are the proud parents of twins Evelyn Lee and Madilene Rose, born July 17. Heather is taking a 12-month leave from Hewlitt Packard, where she is a product manager. ■ Also seeing double, Paul '84 and **Kate Wallace Perrotta** are pleased to announce the arrival of twins Elizabeth Mary and Lucy Wallace on August 12. ■ Willy (M.A. English '89) and **Pam Grady MacMullen** announce the birth of Thomas Paul on September 20. Their son John is 2 1/2.

PHOTO CAPTIONS The marriage of Patricia Sobel and **Douglas Bridges** took place on May 25 at the John Jay Homestead in Katonah, NY. Celebrating with them were (front) **Joel Solomon, George Leonard, Chris Coates, Charlene Surprenant Batista**, (second row) **Charles Griffith, Leily Lashkari, Barbara Barry Coates, Tara Hartnett Leonard, Jeffrey Berkman**, the newlyweds, Andrew Sobel '76, **Amy Snyder Weed**, Ronald Potier '57, (back) Kerry Lenihan, Bruce Bridges '88, **Steve Batista**, and David Bridges '55. ■ In Grosse Pointe, MI, the May 24 marriage of **Tracy Edwards** and Patrick Murtagh brought together Prof. Pardon Tillinghast, Noelle D'Arcy Bujold '88, the newlyweds, the Rev. Howard Fauntroy '89 (who co-officiated the ceremony), Quinn Pollock '89, and Allen Ledyard '56 (cousin of the bride). Tracy works at Aspen Sports and teaches skiing at Sunlight, where Patrick ski patrols.

1987

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Let's communicate via e-mail! Do you want to catch up and keep in contact with people in our class? Then e-mail Scott or Ann with your e-mail address. We will compile a list and distribute it to those on the list. Our e-mail addresses are listed above. ■ **Bob Bua** (ner@wn.net) writes: "My wife and I recently moved to Cambridge, MA. I hope some of you caught my October appearance on NBC's *The Today Show*, where I discussed my new book, *The Inside Guide to America's Nursing Homes: Rankings and Ratings for Every Nursing Home in the U.S.* (1998-99 Edition, Warner Books). My new company, National Eldercare Referral Systems, LLC, helps Americans choose nursing homes anywhere in America and develops nursing home search software for hospitals and professionals." ■ Mezzo-soprano **Stephanie Houtzeel** gave her debut recital at Alice Tully Hall in NYC on October 23. ■ **Janice Darias** has been appointed world languages dept. chair at Belmont (MA) High School. She had been teaching Spanish at Newton South. ■ **Robert Vigus** is teaching Italian and Latin at Edgemont School in Scarsdale, NY. ■ **Cynthia Mulder** is in an MSW program at Smith College School of Social Work. ■ **Jen Cote** is a middle school math teacher at Marin County Day School in CA. ■ **Beth Andrews** has moved to Atlanta and reports that she's enjoying it. She works as a social worker and part-time bartender. ■ **Donald Hindman** spent his summer fund raising for a newly established Dissipated Eight Alumni Assoc. He has already raised $6,000 en route to a $50,000 endowment to benefit the D-8. He was also planning the 45th Anniversary D-8 Reunion for Homecoming weekend. ■ **Galen Hoskin** lives in Hong Kong with wife Leah and son Ben (3). Galen reports, "Ben thinks life is cool, unless we ask him to brush his teeth." Galen works for the Capital Group as a fund manager. ■ **Claudia Wair** was just appointed assistant editor of *Friends Journal*, an international Quaker publication. "I LOVE my job. My first assignment was to interview a man exiled from Burundi for his peace efforts there. So I write on religious, peace, and social justice issues. I'm also involved in a lot of racial reconciliation programs, and I do some speaking engagements on Quakerism." ■ Mark (mark@horton.moldova.su) and **Nancy Ilgenfritz Horton** and sons Thomas (3) and Peter (1) are living in Moldova, in the former Soviet Union, where Mark works for the IMF and Nan is heading up an international cookbook project. Nan writes: "We are having a great experience in Moldova, and will be leaving our post in September 1998. Of course, we would love to have visitors!" ■ **Anne Martin** works for the International Development Bank in DC. Other DC residents include Roger and **Barbara Marvin Nozaki**, and Michael and **Catherine Lumsden Davila**. ■ Living in London, **Ellen Sheffield** is using her master's in social work working with those with eating disorders. ■ **Laura Mullahy** is still in Santiago, Chile, where she has been working for the last seven years. ■ **Rob Jenkins**, who is a NYC investment banker specializing in the insurance industry, will have an announcement to make soon. ■ **Bruce Fagerstrom** and wife Debbie are both still working in advertising in NYC. They recently moved to the burbs of Darien. ■ Lisa Rubin and **Michael Brown** were married on May 10 in Waitsfield, VT. Michael is an assistant VP with E.W. Blanch Reinsurance in Manhattan. They live in Fairfield, CT. ■ **Erika Donovan** and Jaime Estades were married August 16 in NYC. With a master's from New School for Social Research and a J.D. from Rutgers, Erika is employed by the East Harlem Council for Human Services. ■ **Sarah Hebb** and Michael Carpenter were married in Damariscotta, ME. She got a master's from UC Berkeley and is a social worker and psychotherapist in Oakland. ■ **Amy Sylvester** and Jonathan Averill, married June 21, are living in South Burlington while she works at Sylvester & Maley. ■ **Doug Weekes** and Cris Humbaugh (Occidental '84) were married on August 31 in Bermuda. Living in Morristown, NJ, Doug does marketing in new brand development for Nabisco, and Cris is a marketing director for Tambrands. ■ **Pete** and Stephanie Jones '88 **Ahl** welcomed Grayson Wolf Ahl last winter. They moved from Boston to southern CT for Pete's job at an entrepreneurial real estate investment company. ■ Bill '85 and **Sarah Clark Baskin** are happy to report the birth of son Alex on February 2, 1997. Son Buck is a proud big brother. ■ **Lynn Feldpausch Zipf** had a valid excuse for not attending our reunion: second child Matthew arrived in June, joining his sister, Elizabeth. They live in West Concord, MA. ■ **Morgan** and **Patty Lawton Barnes** became the proud parents of twins Samuel and Anna on June 16. They live in Storrs, CT, where Morgan is a high school English teacher and coach. ■ Son Steven joined John and **Allison Beckwith Melson** and sister Caroline (3) on July 28. ■ **Ann Christie Gusiff** and husband John flew from Pasadena, CA, to NC to be present at the birth of their adopted daughter, Christiana Marie, born on September 23, 1997. All are reported to be doing fine, although Ann and John sometimes just can't believe

Tracy Edwards '86 and Patrick Murtagh (see 1986 column)

Patricia Sobel and Douglas Bridges '86 (see 1986 column)

Gretchen Widmer '88 and Steven Ehrensperger (see 1988 column)

Jan Alexander '89 and Douglas B. Koger, Jr. (see 1989 column)

Labor Day at McCrea's Stony Hill Vineyards (see 1989 column)

their good fortune and have to pinch themselves to be sure. Ann continues to work on her nonprofit venture Clothes The Deal, enjoying its successes but not-so-secretly wishing she had a proper maternity leave.

1988

REUNION CLASS

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Michael Reynal (michael_reynal@msn.com) has returned "to the frozen north to pursue an MBA at Tuck (Dartmouth). This follows four years at Banque Paribas, where I ran the Latin American Equity Sales desk in NYC. I noticed that Tuck seems to attract a lot of Midd grads: presumably the weather!" ■ Last spring, **Sara Van Genderen** was made partner in the law firm of Mullikin, Larson & Swift in Jackson, WY, where she specializes in education law and insurance defense litigation. Husband Andrew Cornish '89 is a real estate appraiser in Jackson. ■ **Tim** and Carolin Pu '87 **Archibald** live in Cambridge, MA. Tim is doing the architectural design work on former Mets pitcher Tom Seaver's retirement house in Napa Valley, CA. ■ **William Bentley**, an assistant manager for Borders bookstores in Atlanta, would like to return to Burlington if/when Borders opens a store there. Responding to concerns that Borders would create too much competition for existing bookstores in Burlington, Will pointed out in the August 12 *Free Press* that a Borders bookstore would "anchor the north end of Church Street" where J.C. Penney and Woolworth's have recently departed, as well as avoiding more development in the suburbs. He also points out that the real competition for bookstores is TV, not more good bookstores. ■ Erin and **Pam Lawson Quinn** took a family trip to the Vail (CO) Shootout, where Erin coached the "over 35" Middlebury Alumni Lacrosse Team. "It was a wonderful time and a beautiful place." Daughter Hannah is three and son Connor will be one in February. Pam is teaching sixth grade in Salisbury. ■ **Carolyn Ives** and Douglas Schulter were married on June 29 by the Lord Bishop of Bermuda. In DC, Carolyn is a public relations manager with the National Wildlife Federation, while Douglas is in the production department of National Geographic Television. ■ **Elizabeth Nightingale** and Andrew Herrup were married on August 23 in NYC. Both have law degrees, Elizabeth from George Washington Univ. and Andrew from UCLA. ■ **Antoinette van Zelm** and Lynn Nelson were married in Williamsburg, VA, on October 5. The newlyweds, who both received their doctorates from the College of William and Mary, are living in Williamsburg. ■ The October 12 marriage of **Katherine Grund** and James Kane took place in Riverside, CT. In NYC, Kate is a VP of the Bessemer Trust Co. and her husband is a VP at the Bankers Trust Securities Corp. ■ Congratulations also to our many new parents! Pete '87 and **Stephanie Jones Ahl** welcomed Grayson Wolf Ahl in the winter of 1997. They recently moved from Boston to southern CT for Pete's job at an entrepreneurial real estate investment company. ■ David '85 (mortond@furmanselz.com) and **Kerry Polzer Morton** announce the birth of son Connor Hogan Morton on March 20, 1997. He joins sisters Caitlin and Erin. ■ **Jill Horwitz** and husband Todd Hixson happily welcomed new daughter Sasha on August 22. ■ Gretchen Wright was welcomed in October by mom Tracie, dad **Will Wright**, and big sister Anastasia. ■ Daniel and **Daniela Wenk-Pajarola** are the new parents of daughter Florina Yasmina, born September 19. Dani writes, "I never thought it would be so much fun having a baby. I can only recommend it!" The whole family is looking forward to traveling back to Midd from Switzerland for reunion. ■ Craig and **Melissa Duryea Lewis** (mbduryea@aol.com) are the proud parents of Olivia Vander Poel Lewis, who was born at noon on September 30. "Had we not seen her at birth we might not have believed she was ours," write Melissa, "because she was born with a full head of brown hair! Olivia is doing great and so are we."

PHOTO CAPTION Celebrating with **Gretchen Widmer** and Steven Ehrensperger following their October 5, 1996, marriage in Katonah, NY, were Henry LeClair, Rhys Wyman '87, the newlyweds, **Paul Lin**, and **Paul Sutton**. Gretchen is a cinematographer who recently shot a feature in Boston and a documentary in Paris. Steve is a 3D computer graphics artist. Gretchen is looking forward to Reunion '98 and so are we! See you May 29-31!

1989

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Tom and **Sam Ellison Kane** (kane@hamlin.pvt.k12.ca.us) white water rafted the Rio Grande while visiting Taos, NM, last summer. Returning to Williamstown, they taught a pre-college program for high school kids, then drove cross country from wedding to wedding, visiting **Molly Rath** and her husband en route. The Kanes are now back in San Francisco, where Sam is the new head librarian in a K-8 all-girls school. ■ After receiving his commercial appraisal designation last spring, **Andrew Cornish** (acornish@wyoming.com) opened his own firm, Rocky Mountain Appraisals, in Jackson, WY. He specializes in residential and commercial real estate appraisal, as well as real estate sales. Andrew and wife Sara (Van Genderen) '88 (see 1988 column) live in Jackson, where they welcome skiers. ■ **Beth Whitlock** moved back to the Boston area with husband Chris and baby Samuel. They're now living in Sudbury, MA, and visiting with old Midd friends **Laura Moloney, Karen Arone Bresnahan, Marie Bullock, Lisa Sullivan**, and **Lucy Henderson**. ■ **Sean** and Wendy Helm (MA. English '95) **Brennan** live at Hotchkiss with daughter Molly (1 1/2). Wendy is head of the English dept. at Hotchkiss, where Sean also taught for three years. Last year, Sean became a teacher and assistant football coach at Salisbury (CT) School. ■ Out in San Francisco, **Meg Beeman** and **Ashley Snyder** are ripping up the trails on their mountain bikes and dominating the competition in the 24-hour race circuit. Ashley works as a physical therapist at CAL Pacific and moonlights with the Women's U.S. Alpine Ski Team. Meg works in marketing for Power Bar in Berkeley. Both recently visited **Ann Battelle** in Steamboat, where she was preparing for her third Olympic season as a free-style skier. ■ For news of the marriage of Deborah Reed '90 and **Stephen Hopkins**, please see the 1990 column. ■ **Monica Lengyel Karlson** writes: "Got married in January. Belize and Costa Rica for honeymoon. Still working for HBO. Husband (Nicolas Karlson) is a supervising producer for a small production company." ■ The July 20 marriage of Heather Katz and **John Mutterperl** took place in Roslyn, NY. With an MBA from the Johnson School of Management (Cornell), John is a senior account executive at Clarion Marketing in Greenwich, CT. Heather is an associate at Greystone Realty Corp. in Stamford. ■ Bonnie and **Keith Pennell** welcomed their second child, daughter Bailey, on July 25. ■ Living in Bethesda, MD, **KC Koch Reeves** is a manager at Arthur Andersen in DC. Son John Nicholas recently had his first birthday. ■ **Scott** and **Kris Canfield McBurney** welcomed son Andrew Miles on August 28. They love living in Seattle, where Kris is manager of Inflight Operations at Northwest Airlines and Scott does marketing at Businesslink Corp. and runs the Buddy Werner Ski programs at nearby Alpental Ski Area. ■ Son Zachary joined Cathy and **Jeff Somers** on October 8. They recently moved to Cambridge, MA, where Jeff does con-

sulting and Cathy works for Winston Flowers' corporate div. in Boston.

PHOTO CAPTION In the Bahamas, **Jan Alexander** and Douglas B. Koger, Jr., were married last May 24 in a beachfront gazebo. They spent the summer cruising the Abacos before setting off for Buffalo, NY, to work on a new boat in preparation for a sailing circumnavigation in a year or two. ■ Celebrating Labor Day '97 at the McCrea's Stony Hill Vineyards in St. Helena, CA, were **Karl Mayer, Amanda Washburn, Fred McCrea, Stu Maeder**, (back) Chris Storkerson '88, and Rob MacLeod '88.

1990

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Living in Pasadena, CA, **Kevin Kahn** (kahn@bus.usc.edu) is the Far East regional manager for Richards Industries, an OH-based manufacturer. He is also in the second year of a three-year evening program getting his MBA from USC. ■ **Susan M. Gauss** (sgauss@colmex.mx) is conducting research in Mexico City through June 1998 on a Fulbright grant. She is completing her dissertation for the Ph.D. in history from SUNY at Stony Brook. ■ **Elisabeth Grinspoon** is working on her doctorate in UC Berkeley's dept. of environmental studies, policy, and management. She spent her summer in Yunnan and Sichuan provinces, studying how China's transition to a market economy is affecting forest resource management. In August, she traveled from Yunnan, China, to Brooklin, ME, to attend the wedding of Midd freshman roommate **Audrey Pritchard** (see photo below). ■ Last summer, **Beckett Stokes** took a new job as field marketing coordinator for Grease Monkey International, based in Denver. She also traveled to MD and PA for weddings and "to meet most of my boyfriend's 13 brothers and sisters, along with their spouses and children. Whew!" ■ **Suzanne Zbailey** spent August driving from DC across the U.S. and Canada to Fairbanks, AK, where she is now teaching freshman composition at the Univ. of AK, Fairbanks, and taking courses towards an MFA degree in writing. "AK is a wonderful place," she writes. "As beautiful and friendly as VT!" ■ **Susan Oddsen** (ftmlc1@aurora.alaska.edu) and husband Logan Colby are happy to announce the birth of son Ansel on June 19. They are living in Fairbanks, after four years in rural western AK. ■ Still in Paris, **Patrick Mercanton** is now marketing manager for the launch of the Dockers brand in France. "Greatly enjoyed **Bill Krolicki**'s wedding in RI last year and am still waiting for some classmates to visit Paris. I see **Jean Rondon** quite often here." ■ After five years at the Environmental Defense Fund, **Karan Capoor** (capoork99@darden.virginia.edu) has started an MBA program at the Darden School at the Univ. of VA. He reports that other Midd kids at Darden include Peter Harris '92, Chris Hiland '89, and Jennifer Schumaker '92. ■ **Tom Louderback** (tlouds@juno.com) shares a house in Jamaica Plain, MA, with John Hoult, Geoff Coffey, Andy Rosenshine, Bill Eaton, and John Mowrey (as well as dogs Winston and Riley, and cat Joe). ■ New father **Ben Monachino** would love to hear from friends at bam@psh.com. Alexa Danielle joined Ben and wife Lora on July 20. Ben is an associate at Partridge, Snow and Hahn, doing mergers and acquisitions, securities, and intellectual property in the corporate group. ■ **Jason** and **Hei-Won Lee Merrill** and son Nicholas have relocated to Hanover, NH. Jason, who recently earned his Ph.D. in Russian from the Univ. of KS, is now teaching Russian language and literature at Dartmouth. ■ **Deborah Reed** and Stephen Hopkins '89 were married recently in Shaker Heights, OH. While living in Natick, MA, Stephen teaches at the Rivers School in Weston and Debbie is a program manager in the alumni office at MIT in Cambridge. ■ **Marie Maiocco** and **Michael Gill** were married in Barnstable, MA, on August 2. With a law degree from Northeastern Univ. Law School, Michael is an attorney with Mintz, Levin, Cohen, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo in Boston. Marie is a rep for Novartis Pharmaceuticals. They live in Wellesley. ■ The marriage of Lauren Yeaton and **Robert DeLorie** took place in Mead Chapel on September 13. Rob is employed by Fresenius Medical Care in Lexington, MA; Lauren works at Scudder, Stevens & Clark in Boston.

PHOTO CAPTIONS The August 9 marriage of **Gretchen Eisele** and Thomas Eaton brought the following gathering to Fire Island: **Fanning Hearon, John Amster, Willy Patty, Kelly Macaluso**, John Renwick '89, Steve Becker '89, **Michael Chorske**, Ryder Stahl '89, (second row) **Tifney Stewart, Peggy Boulos**, Sarah Cunningham Wilkinson '89, Merrill McAlpin vandenBroek '89, **Karen Ruef Meagher, Roxanne Trombly**, (third row) **Eliot Highet Patty, Colleen Quinn Amster, Whitney Todd**, Vic Hoyt '89, Rebecca Eisele '94, Andrew McCain '88, John Kolvenbach '88, (back) **Jane Goldstein**, and Karen Naess Budd '62. ■ Jiwon Kim and **Andy Novak** were married on September 6. Celebrating with them in Manhattan were (front row) **Paul Needham, Jamie Ranicar**, Kristen Gustavson '91, Heidi Ripley '91, Matt Hardie '91, **Marc Adelberger**, (back row) **Deb Groves Ranicar, Karen Strong Fossel, Steve Fossel, Katie Edwards Needham**, the newlyweds, **Rich Compson**, and Beth Lasell Compson '91. ■ Future carnival kings and queens gathered recently with their mothers, **Kathleen Murphy O'Shea, Nancy Connor Marshall**, and **Nancy Frost Bland**. Seated—er, squirming—in the front row, Emily Bland, David Marshall, and Maggie Bland; (second row) Sam O'Shea, Caroline Marshall, and Nick Bland. ■ The August 16 marriage of **Audrey Pritchard** and Lorenzo Goco took place in Brooklin, ME, where they celebrated with **Annie Janeway, Leanne Potvin Fesenmeyer, Lis Grinspoon**, the newlyweds, **Val Van Vleck, Suzy Parker, Mimi Gottesfeld**, (back row) **Jessika Nugent Welch**, David Pritchard '59, and **Brad Wiss**. Missing the picture were **Kris Nelson** and Eve Zwanziger Pritchard (Language School '60).

Gretchen Eisele '90 and Thomas Eaton (see 1990 column)

Jiwon Kim and Andrew Novak '90 (see 1990 column)

Audrey Pritchard '90 and Lorenzo Goco (see 1990 column)

Sitting still is hard to do (see 1990 column)

Patricia O'Mara '92 and Paul Scola '91 (see 1991 column)

Mary Castner '91 and Matthew Overholt (see 1991 column)

1991

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Now in his second year of UVM's Field Naturalist Program, **Jeffrey Collins** (jcollin2@zoo.uvm.edu) is learning an interdisciplinary approach to landscape ecology. He hopes to have an M.S. in botany at summer's end. ■ Before becoming a professional printmaker two years ago, **Henry "Rico" Kellogg** taught art classes, worked as a picture framer, a fly-tyer, and fly-fishing guide. Some of his works were displayed at the Betty Rock Coffee House in Jackson, WY, this fall. He is best known for his fly fishing scenes. ■ **Susannah Touchet** is the new program coordinator at Lime Hollow Nature Center in Cortlandville, NY. She's glad to be back in the Northeast, after teaching science for Teach for America in Louisiana. She has also been working on a master's in fish and wildlife biology and management at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. ■ **Marika Holmgren** (rags@ran.org) is still doing grassroots organizing in San Francisco. She has been with Rainforest Action Network for three years, working to protect tropical and temperate rainforests and indigenous communities. She also works with the Middlebury Rainforest Action Group, an affiliate of Rainforest Action Network. ■ **Andrew Resnik** recently joined KNSD in San Diego where he is a reporter/anchor. He says it's great to return to his hometown to cover the news and surf, though not necessarily in that order. Andrew says that there are very few Midd alumni in southern California and asks Midd visitors to contact him at 3515 Caminito El Rincon, #286, San Diego, CA 92130. ■ **Loring Knoblauch** is in his first year a Stanford Business School. ■ **Liza Harding** has resettled in San Francisco. ■ **Gavin Johnston** is the sales and marketing manager at Maptech. ■ Now in her second year at Columbia Business School, **Mariette Johnson** writes: "I decided to get an MBA after four years in management consulting and then a year at a DC-based think-tank focusing on corporate environmental strategy and competitive advantage." Mariette lives in Greenwich, CT, where she sometimes runs into **Phil McCrea**. Mariette has kept in touch with **Kimberly Ma Gustafson**, who works in admissions for Bates College in Taichung City, Taiwan. ■ **Kerstin Carlson LeFloch** is finishing a Ph.D. at the Univ. of NC, Chapel Hill. Son Alexander is 15 months old. ■ In Noroton, CT, Amy Dunn and **Peter Benedict** were married on July 12. Their wedding party included **Bill Fuhs** and **Bob Hinkle**. Pete got his master's from Columbia School of Business last May. ■ The September 6 marriage of **Marcy Withington** and John Kelsey took place at Sage Chapel, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY. Kate Ryan '91 and Mary Dingledy '91 were in the wedding. In NYC, Marcy is a CPA in the finance and control div. of CBS and John is an equity securities analyst at Bear Stearns. Both have MBAs from Cornell. **PHOTO CAPTIONS** Gathering in Hollis, NH, for the June 28 marriage of **Mary Castner** and Matthew Overholt were (front) **Paula Davidson, Emily Stowe Cleaveland**, (middle row) Jon Shirley '57, **Jen Poinier Ballinger**, the newlyweds, **Karen Harper**, (back) Tim Castner '94, **Tina Swain**, and Carla Knechtel (M.A. German '92). With a master's in regional planning from Cornell, Mary is a planner on the Southern NH Planning Commission in Manchester. Matthew is completing his Ph.D. in aerospace engineering at Cornell. ■ Tish O'Mara '92 and **Paul Scola** were married in storybook fashion on October 4. Celebrating with them in Lake Forest, IL, were (front) **Chris Emerson**, Faith Donovon Emerson '92, **Bill Driscoll**, the newlyweds, **Aaron Albright**, Rick Humphrey '92, **Alex Williams**, (second row) **Ted Steers**, Dez Havlicek '92, Suzanne Steers '92, Jen Roe Havlicek '92, **Louise Kellogg**, Suzanne Pinto '93, **David Frame**, Tristram Perkins '92, Monique Speidell Hanson '92, Dave Hanlon '92, **Alex Heros, Frank Mosier**, George Gillett '93, **Loring Knoblauch, Liza Harding**, (back row) **David Rogers, David Findlay, Gavin Johnston**, Brad Barnes '94, Jon Bicknell '92, Greg Hanson '92, **Ian Morton, Jason Shulman, Kilian Forgus**, and Mike Chorske '90.

1992

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Thanks to **V Mirani** (vmirani@st.maxens.com) and **Leslie Cone Pagnotta** (cone@middlebury.edu) for a great five years as class secretaries. Yours truly hopes he can live up to their standards. ■ A wedding trip to VT followed the May 31 marriage of **Kathleen McGillicuddy** and Christopher Bell. Kathleen works for the MA Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and Christopher is a legislative assistant. ■ With an MFA in nonfiction writing from Penn State, **Mara Gorman** (mgorman@reading.org) is an assistant editor at the International Reading Assoc., a nonprofit agency that promotes literacy. She has an autobiographical essay coming out in the journal *Creative Nonfiction* this spring. Mara lives in DE. ■ Ithaca, NY, was the setting for the June 28 marriage of **Elizabeth Dotoli** and **Chuck Hibbett**. Elizabeth is a third year medical student at the Univ. of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ. Chuck is employed by the Loctite Corp. ■ **Nick Tcherepnin** (tcheren@towers.com), who works for Towers Perin in NYC, is on a one-year project in Southeast Asia for a U.S. oil company. He recently revisited his roots on a vacation to Russia. ■ **Megan Underwood** is a publicist at Goldberg/McDuffie Communications, a PR firm in NYC. ■ **Jim Meyer** (jim@cma.mgh.harvard.edu) went to a Ben Folds Five concert in November at the Roxy in Boston. ■ **Matt Pauley** (matthew.v.pauley@bankofamerica.com) finished at the Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA, then traveled in Europe for seven weeks. In London, Matt met **Bill Tice** (william.w.tice@dartmouth.edu) and they traveled to Nice. Bill left his job at DLJ and is now at Tuck (Dartmouth). Matt works in corporate finance at Bancamerica Robertson Stephens, L.A. office. ■ Also at B-school is **Steve Schrodel** (steve20@wharton.upenn.edu), along with **Ben Faucett** (ben22@wharton.upenn.edu) and **Jamie Gorman** (jamie58@wharton.upenn.edu). **Brian Huff** (brian.huff.wg97@wharton.upenn.edu) graduated from Wharton last spring. **John Rudge** is at Tuck and **Charlie Watson** at Columbia. ■ Tuck grad **Eric Mendelsohn** is working at BT Alex Brown in NYC. ■ **Kingman Gordon** quit his advertising job in NYC to move to San Francisco. ■ In Decatur, GA, Diane Sailors and **Garrett Johnston** were married on August 9. Garrett is employed by Airborne Express and lives in Hoboken, NJ. ■ Another August 9 marriage was that of Faith Bugel and **David Rickard**. With an MBA from the Univ. of Chicago, David works with the Boston Consulting Group. Faith is a law student at Northwestern. ■ **Brian Willing** is in law school at the Univ. of ME. ■ **Jeanne Kessinger Brown** (kessbrown@aol.com) moved to FL, where husband Chris '93 is working for the Florida Panthers. When not "on assignment" for former employer State Street, Jeanne is marketing herself as a freelance financial writer, lounging by the pool, or jumping on the Marlin bandwagon (she was at game 7 of the World Series). ■ **Carolyn Eppes** and **Kate Albin** successfully completed a marathon in Ireland. ■ **Michele Lund** teaches social studies at the middle school in Sudbury, MA. ■ **James Christian** (jchristi@bu.edu) is in his second year of medical school at Boston Univ. ■ **Tim Van Orden** appeared on screen in Jay Craven's *A Stranger in the Kingdom*. [No relation to Jason Craven (jcraven@hiid.harvard.edu), who's happily working at the Harvard Institute for International Development in Cambridge, MA.] After appearing as a spectator in the cock-fighting scene, Tim planned a move to L.A. to pursue his acting career. ■ Living in Somerville, MA, **Sarah Gordon** (sarah_gordon@carneysandoe.com) works for Carney, Sandoe & Associates, recruiting teachers and administrators. ■ **Max Changus** (changus@mindspring.com) works for the Attorney General in Daytona Beach, FL. ■ **Fred Lawrence** (flawrence@iri.org) has been busy conducting economic development programs in Indonesia, setting up district representative offices in provincial Mongolia, and evacuating Cambodian staff from that country following the July military coup. When he can, he rollerblades. ■ **Christine Roberts Wennik** (cwennik@adrus.com) is the new marketing analyst for Togos, owned by Dunkin' Donuts. ■ Apparently **Buddy Heller** (budheller@classic.msn.com) doesn't like living in White Plains, NY; he hopes to leave soon. ■ The September 6 marriage of Karen Gray and **Richard O'Neil** took place in Swansea, MA. Karen works for the U.S. Dept. of Justice; Richard is affiliated with Sheehan, Phinney, Bass &

Green in Manchester, NH. ■ Anastacia Leach and **Edward Feldman** were married in Shelburne, VT, on September 14. Anastacia owns Whirligig, a film and video production company in NYC. Edward is an assistant film editor at Mackenzie Cutler Editorial, a NYC post-production company. ■ **Sandy Paige** (npaige@fairchildsemi.com) does corporate communications, PR, media relations, and government relations at Fairchild Semiconductor in South Portland, ME. ■ **Lynn Proudian** and Gerard Garogolo were married on August 2 in Irvington, NY. Celebrating with them were **Randy** and **Hilary Eidinoff Meyerson, Holly Mead, Anne Schott**, and Lisbeth Strimple '90. ■ **Cynthia Brown** (cynbrown@sureste.com) is getting paid to travel in Central America and Mexico. ■ **Tom Hung** (hung0001@mc.duke.edu) just finished his ER rotation at Duke Medical Center and started his cushy ENT career. ■ The October 18 marriage of **Lynda Shaheen** and Todd Marshall took place in Lancaster, PA. Lynda has her master's from the Univ. of MI Graduate School of Social Work. Todd is a management consultant for McKinsey and Co. in Minneapolis. ■ **Mike Scanlon** (michael_scanlon@ao.uscourts. gov) graduated from Georgetown Univ. Law Center last February and joined the DC office of Willkie Farr & Gallagher as an associate. In September, Mike moved to NYC after accepting a clerkship at the U.S. Court of International Trade.

PHOTO CAPTIONS Ketchum, ID, volunteer firefighter Tory Frank and firefighter **Miles Canfield** were married on September 27. Celebrating with them in Ketchum were (in front of pump panel) **Nancy Weekes**, Liza Weekes '87, the newlyweds, Kris Canfield McBurney '89, **Christina Bethke Rodgers, Bill Rodgers**, (in "dog house") Steve Fedele '91, **Christine Roberts Wennik, Justin Ayers, Luke Wennik**, (in the hose bed) Steve Quinn '91, **Marlena Faxon, Fred Lawrence, Steve Cox**, Andrew McBurney, Scott McBurney '89, **Tom McCraw**, Brian Bank '91, **J.J. Gilmartin**, Ray Strong '91, and Rob Lynders. ■ **Heather Pedersen** and Christopher Peck were married on August 2. Gathering with them in Newport, RI, were **Jason McGowin**, Brian Rickauer '93, **Lori Racha**, Jed Duncan '91, **Rob Pedersen**, the newlyweds, and **Brian Schilling**. Now living in Bethel, CT, Heather is an elementary counselor and Chris is a bike designer for Cannondale. ■ **Lori Racha** and **Damon Silverman** were married in Mead Chapel on May 17. Celebrating with them at the Basin Harbor Club were **Monique Speidell Hanson**, Tom Chambers '91, Anne Klinck Cluss '87, Prof. Bob Cluss (chemistry), **Fiona McDonald, Heather Pedersen Peck**, Brad Silverman '86, **John Swanson, Andy Aube**, the newlyweds, Betsy Leighton '91, Darsie White Swanson '94, Shawn Henry '93, Laetitia Morbelli '93, **Greg Hanson, Matt Benjamin, Chris Clark, Rob Pedersen**, and Kristin Daly '94. Lori is a pediatric resident at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. Damon an otolaryngology head and neck surgery resident at Cleveland Clinic Foundation. They live in Shaker Heights, OH.

1993

REUNION CLASS

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After spending another long, hot summer in DC working for the Advisory Board Co., **Scott Gillespie** and Maja Thaler '94 permanently relocated to Lake Tahoe, CA, where they've started a graphic design and publishing firm, called Blue Sky Design. Middfolk looking to ski Tahoe should e-mail them at design@sierra.net. This summer Scott trained with the Canadian Freestyle Ski Team in Whistler/Blackcomb in an attempt to make the U.S. Team. Maja attended Stanford for an intensive course in publishing. ■ **Kit Van Wagner** (kvanwag@winnie.fit.edu) has started grad school at FL Tech in marine science education. She's learning to surf and "trying to stay in touch with old friends whom I miss greatly." ■ **Meredith McLean** is an "attorney-advisor" working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. ■ **Jennifer Brown** is in a master's program in opera at the Manhattan School of Music in NYC. ■ **Rebecca Zell** has returned to the U.S., after living in France. ■ **Hillary Oppmann** (wildland@ waonline.com) moved to Tucson, after selling the Apple Mountain Bakery in Shoreham, VT, she owned with **Ellen Lindquist**. (Now known as Two Martha's Breads, one owner is Martha Newell '95). Hillary is now the business manager for the Wildlands Project, a conservation group. ■ **Kyna Mackey** and **Bart de Vries** (bartdev@ euronet.nl) have settled in Amsterdam, where Kyna is working for a technology company and Bart is working for Holland's largest bank, ABN AMRO. ■ **Laura LeClair** (leclairhale@juno.com) reports that classmates **Theresa Bui, Laetitia Morbelli**, and **Shawn Henry** were there to celebrate when she married Alan Hale, Jr., in Villanova, PA, last spring. The newlyweds now live in Independence, MO—"A huge change from NC!"—where Laura is an infant/parent educator for Cerner Corp. ■ The June 21 marriage of Alison Meagher and **Seth Heaton** took place in West Nyack, NY. Seth is an associate at Merrill Lynch, while Alison is in a doctorate program at NYU. ■ **Richard J. Rivas** (middrivas@juno.com) and Ana Rosa were married on August 9. **Vernon Johnson** and **Ofelia Barrios** flew to Miami to join them for the celebration. Richard, a supervising production chemist for a diagnostics company (Home Diagnostics, Inc.), is finishing a master's in biomedical sciences at Barry Univ. and plans to pursue his Ph.D. in the medical field. ■ **Roshun Austin** is the executive director of the Orange Mound Development Corp., a non-profit organization doing inner-city housing and economic development in Memphis, TN. He recently received a master's in urban anthropology from the Univ. of Memphis. He's in touch with **Benjamin Gyepi-Garbrah, Leilani McClellan-Brown**, and Tamara Wheeler '97. ■ **Olga Jackson-Koecher, Nancy Logan** (nancylogan@aol.com), and **Holly Cookis** recently had a pre-reunion meeting in DC. Olga, married to Derek for three years, works in VA at Charles Schwab while getting her MBA. Nancy recently opened her own translation company, Russia Express, in the DC area. Holly visited while attending a conference for Keep America Beautiful. ■ **Dave Ferris** is studying at NYU med school. ■ Last May, **Sarah Swanz** (spswanz@ibm.net) graduated from Duke Law School with a JD/LLM in International Law and passed the NY Bar. She's clerking for Judge Frederic Smalkin in U.S. District Court in Baltimore, MD, and next year intends to practice corporate law at Sidley & Austin in NYC. ■ **Nick Nicholson** is working for Montgomery Securities in NYC. ■ **Bill** (billo@planetu.com) and **Amoreena Hartnett O'Bryon** (amoreena@hotmail.com) (see photo below) are Web designers in San Francisco. They sometimes see **Tina Yim**, who's making animated movies for Disney at Pixar. The O'Bryons get down to San Diego occasionally to see **Dave Anderson** and Hillary Achauer '95. When **Heather Miller** and Lars Lanphere were married on October 18, Amoreena, **Elissa Safer**,

Lori Racha '92 and Damon Silverman '92 (see 1992 column)

Tory Frank and Miles Canfield '92 (see 1992 column)

Heather Pedersen and Christopher Peck (see 1992 column)

Amoreena Hartnett '93 and Bill O'Bryon '93 (see 1993 column)

Evans '94 (see 1994 column)

Maggie Terry '94, and **Robin Lynch** celebrated with them in Burlington, VT. Elissa and Robin passed the Bar and have been set free on the world as lawyers.

PHOTO CAPTIONS **Alexa Evans** and John Schnauck were married on August 16 at the home of her parents in Somesville, ME: (front) Jesse Smith '94, **Mark Johnson**, (standing) Jennifer Bunshoft '94, **Stacy Hale**, the bride, **Jen Tremblay**, Nancy Hastings '94, and Mary Strife '94. John-Henry Hubert '94 missed the photo. ■ Gathering on Block Island, RI, for the June 14 marriage of **Amoreena Hartnett** and **Bill O'Bryon** were Carrie Miller '94, **Robin Lynch**, Maggie Terry '94, **Heather Miller, Elissa Safer**, Heather Anderson '94, the bridegroom, **Evan Krasts, Frank Sebree**, Dan Zowistowski '94, **Jake Joyce**, and **Nick Nicholson** (front row, next to the bride).

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Ana Reeder appeared as Miranda in the Shakespeare Theatre's fall production of *The Tempest* in DC. She has a master's in acting from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. ■ **Anne K. Schulz** (diytous@hotmail.com) is a doctoral research assistant in the GIS Center of the Univ. of Toledo. "After two horrible months in a bogus firm in Fort Worth, TX, called the Buxton Co. (now under investigation for mail and wire fraud by the FBI), I returned to Toledo, got married, bought a house (2145 Scottwood, Toledo, OH 43620), and became a doctoral candidate." ■ **Bill Berlino** (drs@rogerscasey.com) is interning for the World Wrestling Federation in Stamford, CT. He's living in Norwalk. ■ **Kip** and **Peggy Kline Kirkpatrick** ran together in the Twin Cities Marathon on October 5. Having moved to Minneapolis in June, Kip is an accounting specialist for Norwest Corp. and Peggy is at the Univ. of MN Law School. ■ **Nicole Pritikin** (nicole99@together.net) is in the pre-med program at Bennington College. Of her volunteer work on the Bennington Rescue Squad, she comments: "We have the power to start someone's heart when it has stopped. That's an awesome responsibility." ■ **Elizabeth Barbato** is teaching English at Newark Academy in Livingston, NJ, this year. ■ **Paul Casarico** is teaching mathematics at Hanover Park High School in NJ. ■ **Bruce Bernzweig** planned to go to Shanghai this November for a seminar. ■ In September, **Eugene Lee** (mislam@jhuvms.hcf.jhu.edu) quit his job and started looking for a job in Chile. Before leaving DC in November for the Southern Hemisphere, he stayed with Vikas Jhunjhunwala '96 and Kunal Randery '96 in Boston, where he saw **Angie Zhong**, then saw **Jen Waaler** in Chicago. ■ **Katherine Hardin Currie** spent seven weeks studying Dostoevsky in St. Petersburg last summer. She's finishing her master's degree and working as Webmistress for IU's Russian and East European Institute. ■ **Pete Szekely** is doing corporate finance for Chase Manhattan in Hong Kong. ■ **Dave Wilkins** has left his position with Sun Microsystems in Japan. ■ **Webb Burns** left his computer consulting job in November and drove cross-country, where "Vegas, Graceland, and all of the other American cultural meccas await." A small, start-up consulting firm job began in DC in December. Housemate Stephen Pettibone '95 has returned from a trip to Korea. ■ **Kipp Sutton** (pcsre@nch.bolnet.bo) has extended his time with the Peace Corps in Bolivia until summer. He's supervising other volunteers and welcomes visitors. ■ In CO in August, **Steve Halloran** cheered **Chris Carter** to the top of Pike's Peak in the Pike's Peak Ascent, a 13.3-mile footrace climbing over 7,800 feet. Despite his proximity to **Sarah Hannigan**, Chris Carter's Santa Fe life is almost Midd-free, no thanks to his 14-20 hours/day six days/week movie job, where he makes tea for acclaimed British filmmaker Stephen Frears. ■ **Brian DeChristopher** is getting an MBA from MIT, while enjoying married life. ■ After taking a year off from med school to research experimental heart and lung transplantation as a fellow of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, **Brendan Collins** (brendan.collins@mcmail.vanderbilt.edu) has returned to medical school at Vanderbilt. ■ In November, **Kelly Kryc** (kkryc@gsosun1.gso.uri.edu) began three months as a participant in a geological expedition to the Dry Valley Regions of the Trans-Antarctic Mountains, Antarctica. She then returns to URI to complete her master's in marine geology. ■ After two years in Hartford, CT, **Sam Roberts** is now a tax senior with Arthur Andersen in Portland, OR. Sam has kept in touch with **Zhengyuan Lu** (Zhengyuan.Lu@ppmamerica.com), an assistant VP with PPM America in NYC (and has had a different job each year since Middlebury). ■ **Chengruo Li** is international business manager for Creative Systems Lighting, an import-export company in Valencia, CA. ■ **Jon Johnstone**, a.k.a. Panchito, P.I., continues to slave away at an investigation firm in L.A. while garnering ever more praise for his writing. ■ **James Kern** directs and produces one independent music video after another, hoping every time that he's one project closer to doing Sheryl Crow. ■ **Rebecca Eisele** (rebeccae@magnet.com) is working for Magnet, a web designing company. ■ Halfway through law school, **Sandy Durst** (sdurst5050@aol.com) wonders from Chicago if that makes him half an attorney? ■ **Kennan Radebaugh** (nannek@aol.com) is teaching high school science in Chicago, as well as coaching field hockey and softball. She recently ran into **Kevin Marshall**, third year Univ. of Chicago law school, who will clerk for a judge on the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in VA. ■ **Kristi Bender** (kristen_bender@watsonwyatt.com) is doing benefits consulting in Atlanta. ■ **Hylah Wells** (hylah.wells@colorado.edu) reports from CO that **Kristin Shea** and **Julie Kaufman** have moved to Boulder and she sees them on a regular basis. ■ **Stephanie Tucker** (satucker@artsci.wustl.edu) and **Kelly Cole** (kacole@students.wisc.edu) enjoyed a "Brat" at the Taste of Madison in September. Steph is in her third year of Washington Univ.'s doctoral program in German and Kelly is doing a master's in communication/media studies at the Univ. of WI. Steph also visited **Ben Curtis** in November, while she was in Chicago for a conference. Ben has received his (second) master's degree and is working on his doctorate (Univ. of Chicago). Ben visited **Scott Godes** in DC in November and they got together with **Nick Nebolsine** (nebolsine@juno.com). Now in his third year of law school at George Washington, Scott has accepted an offer to practice government contracts law with Piper & Marbury LLP after graduation. Nick started a new job with a defense contractor called MEVATEC, working on privatization studies for the Dept. of Defense. Nick recently bought a house in Alexandria, VA. ■ **Monica Gibbons** (Giroux567@aol.com) is now working as a paralegal for the law firm Webb, Carlock in Atlanta. ■ **Christine Waasdorp** had a unique summer at an Officer Basic Training camp with the Army at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. She was commissioned in March 1996 as a 2LT in the Medical Service Corps and, after graduation from medical school, she will be recommissioned into active duty as a Captain in the Medical Corps. ■ **Meg Regan** (margaret@aiha.com) is at American International Health Alliance, a USAID funded healthcare development project. She lives in DC and travels to the former Soviet Union often. Roommate **Peyton Freeman** (pfreeman@imcc.com) is doing marketing research for a Latin American economic development firm. ■ **Rob Merrill** (rmerrill@nbc.com) is working at NBC News until April, when he'll start trying to sell himself as a friendly neighborhood reporter. Look for him in market #200 someday soon! ■ **Gardner Humphreys** works for the Colin Powell-led nonprofit organization America's Promise, making sure the goals and commitments of last April's Presidential Summit on Volunteerism are met. He coordinates regional summits modeled after the big gathering in Philadelphia last year. ■ Still in Boston, **Nicola Romanska** (nromansk@bbn.com) has a new job, managing internet research for BBN Technologies. ■ **Tetine Sentell** and **Melissa Fritz** are roommates in Boston with Tetine's dog, Eva. ■ **Chris Alessi** is doing surgery sub-internships in Seattle, Denver, and Boston, while going through the process of applying for sur-

gical residencies. ■ **Matt Thomas** will finish all of his inpatient rotations in February and will be doing outpatient rotations through the end of his third year (July). ■ **Chris Willcox** (cwillcox@us.oracle.com) is working at Oracle again after spending a year traveling through Europe, Africa, Mexico, and the U.S. ■ **Leo Quinn** is studying for a degree in physical therapy in Ireland. ■ **Josh Kucker** (jkucker@aol.com), who is still studying medicine in Philadelphia, drove down to Miami over Christmas break with **Jeff Herriott**, who is taking graduate music courses and teaching undergraduate music theory at FL International Univ. in Miami. They stopped in NC to visit **Mark Feldman** and Jen Kuli '96. ■ **Steve Reale** (sreale@vkco.com) is an equity analyst for Van Kasper, an investment bank in San Fran, where he sees Tiffany Claflin '95. ■ **Kathy Kaess** is in Paris, **Liz Bales** is at Penn Veterinary School in Philly; **Lisa Morgan Butzke** is district coordinator for Stewart's Ice Cream Co. in Millbrook, NY; **Kathy Becker** is at beckerk@strasburger.com; **Alison Bevin** (Bevin@colorado.edu) is in classics grad school in Boulder, CO; **Stacy Metcalf** (stacy_metcalf@hamlin.org) is teaching 7th and 8th grade English and coaching cross-country at the Hamlin School in San Francisco, where she lives with Kelly Watson '92. Stacy sees **Jen Foss** (jenifer@excite.com), who is working in the advertising sector of Excite, focusing on travel information for them. Also often spotted with Stacy and Jen are **Sarah Johnson** and **Jen St. Clair**. **Hollis Rudiger** went out to San Fran to visit the big Midd contingency out there this summer; currently she is living in Illinois and is a Librarian at the University of Illinois. Apparently, San Fran is the place to visit—**Meg Martin Maguire** went out there for a visit this summer as well. She, Jen, Sarah, Jen, and Stacy all went white water rafting together over Fourth of July weekend. Currently, Meg is living in NYC with her husband, Derek. Meg lives several blocks from **Lori Frohlich** (frohlich@mail.gnyha.org), who also went out to the Bay Area for a visit this summer (who didn't go out to the Bay Area this summer?). Lori works for the Greater New York Hospital Association and likes life in the big city. ■ **Alison Vreeland** began Law School at Fordham this fall. ■ **Teresa Cooper** (tc202@columbia.edu), who's in Columbia's MFA program in fiction writing, sadly reports that her DiamondBack mountain bike was taken right from her apartment. ■ Also at Columbia, **Trista Voss** (tlv4@columbia.edu) is in business school. ■ **Mike Levin** took a long vacation after taking the bar, mountain and road biking every day. Now that he's working for Paul Weiss in Manhattan, his dreams of being on the pro tour have faded. ■ **Teaque Lenahan** and **Ed Soh** have founded a non-profit corporation in NY State, called New York CAN (Computer Action Now), to set up community computer centers in Harlem. They have received cash and eight computers so far, are excited about picking the location (around 125th St.), and are working on expanding further. New York CAN will teach kids and adults in the neighborhood about various computer programs, Internet usage, and industry information. Teaque and Ed report that they will be having a Midd fundraiser in early 1998, so look out for it, New York chapter! ■ While training for the Honolulu Marathon, **Terese Ripley Tatum** (terese_tatum@intuit.com) is raising money for the Leukemia society. ■ **James Merrill** is a unit supervisor at Aetna in Hartford. He and wife Melissa work with their church junior high youth group. James heard from **Mridul Rahman**, who was talking about moving from CA to TX, but really wants to settle in New England.

PHOTO CAPTION Gathering at St. Anne's Church by the Sea in Kenne-bunkport, ME, for the marriage of Juliette Gustin and **Christopher Nelson** on August 2 were **Victoria Hughes, Catherine Tilford, Sean Conlon, Molly Boyle**, the newlyweds, **Donn Froshiesar, Michelle Weagle, Carrie Macfarlane**, and **Ed Pais**.

1995

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Gregory Okin (okin@gps.caltech.edu) writes: "I just received my M.S. from Caltech in geology. Translation: Four more years in SoCal, Baby! Luckily, I love my work: monitoring desertification in the arid Southwest. Another translation: A desert rat goes astray." ■ **Wright Frank** and **Dan Perregaux** (dperrega@ubmed.buffalo.edu) are finally Adirondack 46ers, after finishing their last peak with **Jen Hazen** in August. ■ **Dan Richards** (daniel.richards@bankerstrust.com), Damien Saccani '96 and Gordon Gecko are attempting to buy a seat on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. ■ **Eric Odell** will begin graduate school at CO State Univ. in the wildlife biology dept. this spring. ■ In grad school at IA State Univ., **Rayda Krell** is working on her M.S. in entomology. "I'm focusing on insect ecology and I'm really enjoying it." ■ **Douglas Tsao** (tsao.douglas@epamail.epa.gov) is the new special assistant to the Chief of Staff at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He says he also "won my rotisserie baseball league and bought an aquarium." ■ **Julia Harris** (harris@indra.com) loved the community she found in Santa Cruz, CA, but longing for the landscape of her home precipitated a recent move back to Boulder, CO (303/499-1551). ■ **Chip Earle** spent his summer bicycling solo 2,381.6 miles—from Lund, Canada, to Tiajuana, Mexico. He's seeking a double degree in business (MBA) and law (JD) at the Univ. of TX in Austin. ■ **Perky Mackey** is teaching kindergarten in Hillsborough, CA. ■ **Edwin Williamson** took over a job from Adam Greenberger '93 that takes him all over sub-Saharan Africa as Africa coordinator for the Dreyfus Health Foundation. He has seen Zach Niles '96 in South Africa and **Susan Moulton** in Zimbabwe. ■ Returning to London in 1995, **Toby Fenwick** (toby.fenwick@natwestuk.co.uk) is an associate VP for market analysis for NatWest Corporate, while also serving as a photographic specialist with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. In addition, he is halfway through an MSc in Government and International Relations at the London School of Economics, specializing in Empire and Post Imperialism. "All of which serves to keep me off the streets." Toby says he has come across Delbert Chew '94 (in banking research at the Advisory Board in DC), Kate Briscoe '94, **Rob Trager** (at LSE last year), **Chantal den Broder** (working at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels doing trade promotion), and **Lindsey Holmes** (working in Mexico City). He also ran into Glyn Trevillion '93, who was organizing a Midd Thanksgiving touch football extravaganza. According to Toby, "Midd always comes in threes or fours." ■ In September, **Erica De Vos** (devose@gusun.georgetown.edu) started a master's degree at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service. She also works part time at National Public Radio. ■ **Charles Wyman** is a research associate in the equity dept. of Credit Suisse First Boston in NYC, where he has been for two years. In mid-1998, he plans a move to the Far East to continue his career in the securities industry and "to put the Language skills I acquired at Middlebury to good use!" Now living with **Matt Williams**, he keeps in touch with **Brad Libby** and **Chris Whitely**, and hears from **Chris Venable**, who has been working for the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso, West Africa, for a year and one-half. ■ The June 28 marriage of Caroline Hairston and **James Watson** took place in South Burlington, VT. J.P. is in his second year at the UVM School of Medicine. Caroline is employed by Boise-Cascade in Williston.

PHOTO CAPTION The Middlebury turnout was outstanding when **Heather Fremgen** and Ian Smith '96 were mar-

Juliette Gustin and Christopher Nelson '94 (see 1994 column)

Heather Fremgen '95 and Ian Smith '96 (see 1995 column)

Roberta Torrens '95 and Trey Martin 95 (see 1995 column)

Rebecca DiScipio '96 and Raymond Leach (see 1996 column)

ried on July 13, 1996. The newlyweds are settled in Mobile, AL, where Ian plays hockey with the Mobile Mysticks and Heather is working on her physician assistant degree. ■ The August 16 marriage of **Roberta Torrens** and **Trey Martin** brought many Middlebury friends to Toronto: (front) **Mike Hume, Victoria Grand, Sarah Tuff, Erin Sullivan, Kirtley Horton, Kelley Pinkerton, Ashley Nill, Danielle Johnson, John-Michael Taylor**; (middle) Chris Velan '96, **Rob Fogelman, Perekin Mackey**, Billy Coster '96, the newlyweds, Liza Malkerson '96, Noah Migel '96, **Joe Bradley, Mike Caplan**; (back) **Mike Begley, Mike McKinnon, Jake Pierson, Ramer Holtan**, and **Jon Cicchini**.

1996

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In the Boston area: **Alex Grossman** works part time as an EMT as she completes her pre-med classes at Wellesley. **Howie Young** works in the re-insurance industry for E. W. Blanc; he e-mails, "I often see **Nathan Bennett**. He is in Europe now, checking into a graduate program for 'digital arts.' He and I recently went to Providence to see Oneida, a band consisting of John Colpits '95, Pat Sullivan '95, and Frank McDermott '97. They rock, as does their new album on Turnbuckle records. While in Providence we also saw **Dan O'Brien**, who is working on his MFA in creative writing at Brown." ■ After finishing a term with Americorps in the Northeast Kingdom of VT, **Kathy Spaulding** is happily adjusting to city life: "Now I am at school learning how to stomp out disease." ■ **Iesa McGettigan** is in marketing at a publishing company in Cambridge. ■ **Rebecca Kirk** continues to do economic consulting for Analysis Group Economics. She's living with cancer researcher **Claudia Schnipper** and fourth grade teacher **Angela Han**. ■ **Courtney Marsh** recently relocated to Boston with a new job before she eventually makes her permanent move to NYC. ■ In Worcester, **Mark Villa** is a UMass Medical student. ■ On Beacon Hill, **Ashley McMullin** is a "head hunter" with the Maxim Group. She keeps in touch with **Stu Salyer, Jess Angell, Eric Davis**, and **Andy Kvaal**, and she is "proud to say that I have brought **Ian Wolfe** into the company—he's working in the Denver office and doing very well!" ■ Also on Beacon Hill, **Weezie Edsell**, who works for Ernst and Young's real estate div. and lives with **Heidi Hirschberg** and Courtney Thompson '99. ■ While working toward becoming a Certified Financial Planner, **Ali Dorf** is with the client strategies group of Pell Rudman & Co., Inc. *In NYC:* After a good deal of cultural immersion, **Dan Mucha** has returned from Prague and continues his public policy in the NY office of the Institute for East/West European. ■ **Penelope Kojima** finds that "life in publishing is dull as bricks and I'm itching for a change." ■ **Michael Kreisel** lives on the Upper East Side with **Jay Auth** and **Josh Braunstein**. Michael works at the ABC News foreign assignment desk. ■ **Jeremy Patlen**, an account manager for GT Interactive Software, likes his job but is "hoping to get back abroad soon." ■ **Melissa Knoll** is in public relations at Ernst & Young. ■ Following graduate studies at Dartmouth, **Vineet Singh** joined the NY scene this year, working for JP Morgan. ■ *Teaching America's youth:* **Chowda Erickson** joined the history faculty at Nobles Greenough school this fall. He also coaches three sports, including boys' varsity hockey. ■ **Derry Mason** is now at Lawrenceville School (NJ), designing curriculum and expanding the Outdoor Programs office. In January, Derry participates in a 1,200-mile bike ride through Vietnam. ■ While getting her teaching certificate, **Kelsey Fuller** is a teacher's aide in a fifth grade class and coaches volleyball and soccer at her old school. ■ **Eliza Spang**, who teaches biology and earth science at Hamilton/Wenham H.S., recently moved to Rockport, MA. ■ **Stew Williamson** is now the object of many high school crushes as a chemistry teacher at Kent School (CT). In his first season coaching the girls' varsity soccer team, he led the team to a 7-5-3 season. ■ **Katie Hubert**, a math teacher at Pingree School, planned to run the Dublin Marathon in Ireland on October 27 to raise funds for leukemia research. Katherine was running on behalf of two special people—friend Andy, who at the age of 25 was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, and an 11-year-old boy named Shawn who has been fighting leukemia for two years. For more information, contact Katherine at Pingree School (978/468-4415). ■ *On the streets of San Francisco:* **Elise Worden** is an editorial assistant for "E! Online." She sees **Lindsay Lutton, Elizabeth Simpson, Kevin Creedan, Sasha Quijano, Josh Sobeck, Joel Grippando** and **Sue Driscoll**. ■ **Sarah Merrill** is now the assistant keeper for the penguins at the San Francisco Zoo. ■ After spending three months working and traveling in Central and South America together, **Petra Stuehmeier** and **Doug Griffith** are now living in the Bay area. ■ Cindy Martinez is plugging away at her Ph.D. in geology at Stanford. ■ *In Middlebury:* **Ben Lucas** decides the fate of high school seniors as an admissions officer in Emma Willard House. ■ **Briana Miller** continues to bring in the dough for the college in the development office. ■ **Marlisa Simonson** (marlisa_simonson@middlebury.edu) left Ziff-Davis in December to join Middlebury's Career Services Office, where she is an assistant director with a focus on alumni and technology. Classmates looking for jobs, changing jobs, or who have positions open in their companies are encouraged to contact her. ■ *Internationally:* **Saya Huddleston** is enjoying her second year working in Tokyo, where **Andrea Kan** is working for Coca Cola. ■ Now in Germany, **Bill Dyer** is studying at Humboldt Univ. on the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship. ■ In Hong Kong, **Steve Rozner** is the editor for a China investment-related legal journal, while working on projects which will focus on Chinese economic reform. "I'm alive and well, living in the capital of debauchery and B-class kung fu flicks." ■ *Elsewhere:* **Katie Chatfield** has begun the long haul as a Dartmouth M.D./Ph.D. student. ■ **Shamoil Shipchandler** is pursuing a JD/MBA at Cornell, where he and **Tushna Gamadia** recently completed first semester at the law school. ■ In Honolulu, culinary student **Robynne Maii** loves her new discipline: "I spend about 12 hours a day in the bakeshop and am obsessed with Patisserie arts." ■ **Kristen Haviland** is finishing first year of UPenn veterinary school. ■ In DC, **Dania Palanker** is working with Sarah and Jim Brady at Handgun Control, Inc./The Center to Prevent Handgun Violence. She also assistant directed a dramatic reinterpretation of *The Fall of the House of Usher*, starring Jon Sherman '94. ■ **Angie Goldman** is doing research at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, TN. ■ **Andrew Dukowicz** is in his first year at Univ. of New Mexico Medical School. ■ Pantherdome regular **Ian Smith** is now a pro hockey player in the East Coast Hockey League. ■ **Peter Schermerhorn** works in a physical therapy clinic in Burlington, VT, while applying to graduate programs in physical therapy. ■ After a winter of fearlessly saving lives as a professional ski patroller on the slopes of the Copper Mountain Ski Resort, **Taylor Mahony** (mahony@csn.net and www.csn.net/~mahony) jumped in his truck for a two-month adventure, covering nine states and visiting visiting many Midd friends including Moni Johnson '89 (Olympia), Justin Cook '95, Holly Hoover '93 (Eugene), and **Alyson Piskorowski** (Seattle). ■ **Aaron Pearson** is pursuing an M.A. in geophysics at the Univ of AK, Fairbanks. ■ Saint Anselm's gridiron coach Geoffrey Harlan '86 has announced the appointment of assistant coach **Douglas Mandigo**. ■ "One Fell Swoop" has come out with a second CD, *Bang Bang*. All three band members—**Brad Corrigan**, Chad Urmston '98, and Pete Heimbold '98—play several instruments, sing, and write original songs. The band recently toured the East Coast and the South, performing a wide range of sounds, from folk and Latin to alternative rock and rap. ■ **Jennifer Sangster** and Hobart Popick (Russian School '94) were married on September 6 in Westmore, VT. Now living in Arlington, VA, Jennifer is employed by the National Council on Aging in DC, and Hobart works at the Meridian International Center in DC. A special thanks to class e-mail queen, **Allison Miller**, who is in touch with way too many people.

PHOTO CAPTION Gathering in Amagansett, NY, on June 21 for the marriage of **Rebecca DiScipio** and Raymond Leach were **Claudia Schnipper, Rebecca Kirk, Al Carson, Angela Han, Lisa Jankowsky, Linda Murray, Jay Ruiz, Francois Archambault, Greg De Saint-Aignan**, and **Cheryl Kozlowski**. Now living in New Orleans, Rebecca is teaching high school biology before attending medical school.

1997

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More than 50 ski team members, friends, and alumni attended the October 9 memorial service for **Jay Leach**, who died on October 5 from injuries suffered in a climbing accident in the Tetons in WY. Acknowledged as one of the top collegiate skiers in the East, Jay was on his way back from a summer job in AK to become an assistant Nordic ski coach at Bates College. We send the condolences of the class to all of his family. ■ The number of '97s back on campus for Homecoming '97 was refreshing. The Bicentennial Campaign kick off dinner was a huge success and the D-8 did an outstanding job at their 45th Reunion. We appreciate all the news that you have mailed in and are excited to hear more about what you are doing. ■ After a trip to China, **Helen Froelich** (helen_froelich@yahoo.com) has moved back home to NYC, where she is looking for a job. **Justin Racz** is living in NYC, where **Maggie Bittenger** is working for *Golf* magazine, **Katie Rosin** is working on a film, **Catherine Herrick** is working with Dan Rather and the *Evening News* at ABC, **Liz Morgan** is a paralegal, **Ty Gilligan** works for Grey Adertising, **Adam Minnick** works for Paine Webber, **Sascha Kaplan** is working at the German Bank, **Shannon Reilly** is working for a woman's sports magazine, and **Olivia Hooper** is an investment banker. **Heather Shafner** (hashafner@cbs.com) is working with the CBS Sports Olympic Unit in NYC. "In January, we'll all be heading over to Nagano, Japan, for two months to cover the Games." ■ **JB Mackenzie** was back on campus for an Andersen Consulting recruiting event. He works in Albany, but is based in NYC on the weekends. ■ **Jani Heikkonen** is living in Boston, where **Brooks Fitzsimmons** and **Bill Noto** are working at Coopers and Lybrand, **Mike Moore** works for Bay Bank, **Jon Nass** works for a law firm, **Meredith Cox** is coaching swimming in the greater Boston area. **Becky Cowgill** (becky@ctgroup.com) is working at Cambridge Technology Group. Loving Boston and missing Midd, **Susie Church** has an apartment with **Beth Getz** in Belmont, MA. Susie, who works in admissions at Buckingham Browne & Nichols School in Cambridge, spent two weeks in NH doing an outdoor freshman orientation program. **Eric Nadzo, Alex Finkelstein**, and **Melissa Giuttari** are Cambridge resident. ■ **Greg Mascolo**, **Lara Waggoner**, **Catherine Mitchell**, **Brian Schimdt**, and Courtney Marsh '96 are living in DC, where **Eaton Curtis** (curtis@heritage.org) is working for the Heritage Foundation as special assistant to Edwin Meese III. ■ **Joycelyn Nill** and **Ali Penzine** are teaching at Middlebury, where **Caroline Bolt** spent the fall becoming certified in elementary education. At the College, **Molly Enman** is interning with the athletic dept. and **Heidi Erdman** is working in the development office. ■ **Elizabeth Frazier** and **Caroline Griffith** are working at the Kingsland Bay School in Bristol. Elizabeth lives in Burlington, while Caroline lives out at Lake Dunmore with **Laura Wright, Jenny Ward**, and **Steve Hobbs**. ■ While an apprentice in the Shelburne (VT) Farms Education Program, **Alexander Lee** is developing an earth civics curriculum aimed at teaching children how to be environmental citizens. He's also co-editing an anthology of young environmental leaders' writings, called *Since Earth Day: Visions of the Eighth Generation*. ■ **Heather Roy** spent her summer interning with Information Technology Services at Midd, then moved on to an internship with the Salzburg Seminar in Austria, after which she planned to tour southern and Eastern Europe for seven months. ■ **Matt Baker** is teaching English in Prague, **John Besson** is teaching science at Tilton Academy in NH, **David Mallick** is teaching Spanish at Hebron Academy in ME, and **Virginia Crosa** is teaching and coaching soccer in Manchester, NH. ■ **Ryan D'Agostino** works for the local paper in West Hartford. ■ **Amy C. Smith** is in Portland, ME. ■ **Dan Drake** is occupying space in an expensive San Francisco apartment, where he lives with **Alan Paul** and **Steph Pindyck**. Steph is teaching kindergarten, learning Spanish, and training for marathons. Also in San Francisco are **Lilia Gerberg** and **Kate Mahar**. ■ **Mia DeMattei**, a preschool teacher in Steamboat Springs, CO, received an ECAC Award of Valor in October for her outstanding ski performance while undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer. Despite surgical procedures and chemotherapy, Mia placed third in the toughest slalom race on the eastern circuit and qualified for the NCAA Championships. Her cancer is in remission and doctors remain positive about a full recovery. ■ **Keola Siu** writes from Japan that she is "having a great time while teaching English to junior high kids in the middle of the rice fields." ■ **Nellie Fox** is living in Sun Valley. ■ In Jackson Hole, WY, last summer, **Lauren Appel** interned at Friends of Pathways, including working on the fun run and the gift catalog. ■ **Craig Stouffer** (stouffer_craig@i-n-s.com) is managing naval supply in Crystal City. "Office travel takes me to exciting places like Mechanicsburg, PA, and Suffolk, VA. ■ Living in Greenwich, CT, **Laura Tabor** is working at R.S. Carmichael & Co., a small consulting firm, where Mariette Johnson '91 and Jennifer Gould '93 have worked. ■ **Michael Roche** is a grad assistant in the Sacred Heart Univ. (Fairfield, CT) football program, while pursuing his MBA. ■ Living in Brighton, MA, with Erika Schubert '96, **Melissa Sopher** is working at the Museum of Science. ■ Congratulations to **Meg Macy** who was accepted to Case Western Medical school in Cleveland, OH, where **Heather Kasten** (hlk@po.cwru.edu) is also a medical student. ■ After playing in Nova Scotia all summer, **Renee Camfield** (rcamfield@umich.edu) is a student at the Univ. of MI Medical School. ■ **Leslie Graham** is finishing her pre-med requirements while living at home. ■ **Andrew Duncan** (duncan@socrates.berkeley.edu) is in the chemistry Ph.D. program at UC Berkeley. ■ **Jenn Horn** works for Nantucket Nectars in Paris. ■ Congratulations to **Chamblin Johnson** and Seth Russo '95, who were married in the fall. ■ **Sean Libby** reports that acting school at Yale is going well. ■ **Matt Ralston** received a promotion and is doing ads and ordering for Excel Sports. ■ **Matt Rudnick** is living in MI. ■ **Amy N. Smith** was recently hired by Sea Semester. ■ **Amy Starr** is studying at Princeton Theological School. ■ **Emma Coello** teaches at a private school in Atlanta.

PHOTO CAPTIONS **Amy Berezin** and **Matthew Ford** were married on May 31 at the Lilac Inn in Brandon, VT. Gathering to celebrate were **Tom Ford, Lee Griffith, Alex Blum, Karen Francolla, Brad Schenkel, Jen Gelb**, the newlyweds, **Amy Kriescher**, Meredith Hinkley '95, Jeremiah Stone '00, **Christine Jacobs, Kate Lynch, Brooke Capps**, Don Eggert '98, (front) **Graham Rice**, and **Scott Davis**. ■ The July 12 marriage of **Jessica Wright** and Steven White brought together **Caroline Bolt, Jullie Rains, Cathy Filott, Jenny Ward**, and **Jennifer Whitworth**. The newlyweds live in Virgina Beach, VA.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH

Joyce Warner (M.A. '64) enjoyed an Adirondack summer, while having monthly chemotherapy sessions. "I would rather have taught a scheduled course at Chautauqua Institution, but had to cancel. I did delight in the birth of a grandson on May 19." ■ **Joan E. Venditto** (M.A. '67) is the new principal of Our Lady of Mercy School (K-8) in Madison, CT. ■ The new principal of Immaculata School in NC is **Arthur L. Clark** (M.A. '69), former assistant dean at Guilford Community College in Jamestown. ■ **Monica Weis** SSJ (M.A. '73) (mrweis@naz.edu), prof. of English at Nazareth College, was one of 25 scholars selected to receive an NEH Summer Institute grant to participate in "The Environmental Imagination: Issues and Problems in American Nature Writing" at Vassar College June/July 1997. "Not surprisingly," John Elder (Midd English dept. and environmental studies) was one of the visiting professors for the institute. Among the participants were BreadLoafers **Jennifer Wheat** (M.A. '90) and Lawrence Buell (Bread Loaf faculty '88). ■ **William Stowell** (M.A. '77), director of human resources at Corning (NY) Community College, recently earned certification as a senior professional in human resources. ■ The Rev. **J. Kevin Fox** (M.Litt. '78) is headmaster at Stuart Hall

Wright '97 (see 1997 column)

Amy Berezin '97 and Matthew Ford '97 (see 1997 column)

in Staunton, VA, where he also assists the rector at Emmanuel Church. He and wife **Macy Doherty Fox** (Midd '78) have made many mountain ascents together, including the first ascent of the Northeast Ridge of Avalanche Mountain in the Selkirk Range of British Columbia. They live in Staunton with sons Brendan and Colin. ■ **Douglas Hale** (M.A. '80) is the new head of Mercersburg (PA) Academy. He was formerly headmaster at Baylor School in Chattanooga, TN. ■ **Joan Handy** ('84-'85) is teaching 7th and 8th grade social studies and geography at the Long Trail School in Dorset, VT. ■ **Brenda Finn** (M.A. '85) is academic VP of Chippewa Valley Technical College in Chippewa Fall, WI. ■ **Stuart Robinson** (M.A. '89) is associate athletic director of the SUNY New Paltz Athletic Dept. ■ Two poems by **Jean LeBlanc** (M.A. '93) are included in the anthology *The Muse Strikes Back: A Poetic Response by Women to Men* (Story Line Press, 1997). Her book reviews have appeared in *Calyx: A Journal of Art and Literature by Women*. She is working on a series of articles on the flora of the Appalachian Trail for the magazine *Appalachian Trailway News*. ■ **Patricia Reed** (M.A. '90) recently joined a Global Volunteers service program in China, where she spent three weeks teaching English to young children in Xi'an. Based in St. Paul MN (email@globalvlntrs.org), Global Volunteers strives to wage peace by establishing mutual understanding between people of diverse cultures. ■ In Rapid City, SD, **Lanniko Lee** (M.A. '94) read from her poetry recently at a series called "Tribal Writers Speak: The Oak Lake Poets." Lanniko is a Cheyenne River Lakota and an instructor at Cheyenne River Community College in Eagle Butte, SD. ■ **Patricia Phaneuf** ('94) (pphaeneuf@vts.edu) is doing a three-year Master of Divinity program at the VA Theological Seminary in Alexandria. ■ **Trish Handly** ('94-'97) is director of marketing and development at Vermont Adult Learning, based in Rutland. ■ **Kimberly Bannigan** (Bread Loaf New Mexico '96) is leading the business and technology academy at Rio Rancho (NM) High School. ■ **George A. Lightcap, Jr.**, (M.A. '97) is a 6th grade language arts instructor at Lounsberry Hollow Middle School in NJ.

Carolyn Gengo (M.A. Italian '94) and Donald DiDomenico (M.A. Spanish '95) (See Italian School)

FRENCH

At age 80, **Jeanette Bonville** (M.A. '56) has been taking courses for the last 10 years at Framingham (MA) State College. Before retiring in 1984, she taught French for 40 years at Framingham and Brookline high schools. ■ Although retired from teaching at Needham (MA) High School, **Richard Burgess** (M.A. '69) still sponsors the Midd College Book Prize at NHS. "In my new career with the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, I have been promoted to assistant to the Grand Commander and nominated to receive the 33rd degree. This would not have happened without my language training at Middlebury." ■ **Sarah Campbell** (M.A. '71) and Gregory Keating were married last October. Sarah is a French teacher at the Country Day School in Newton, MA. ■ In Ketchikan, AK, **Mary Jo Turek** (M.A. '71) (http://www.ptialaska.net/~mjturek/mjs.html) has opened a bed and breakfast, "MJ's Place," and decorated it with her own original artwork. She spent the winter in VA. ■ **David Dooley** (M.A. '76) is teaching in the foreign language dept. at Manchester (MA) Junior-Senior High School. ■ Lt. Col. **Paul W. Gery** (M.A. '77) (gery@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu) has retired from the Army after serving more than 20 years of active duty. He's completing a master's in secondary school foreign language education at George Washington Univ. He and wife Donna have adopted Marc Kerstan Gery. ■ After 11 years as law librarian for a large St. Louis law firm using her J.D. Boston Univ. '83, **Mary K. Kissane** (M.A. '79) got her teaching certificate in French K-12 and is teaching French at Soldan International Studies Magnet High School in St. Louis. ■ Now retired from teaching at the Taipei American School, **Roy Dupuy** (M.A. '80) spent last summer sailing. ■ **Maureen Gillespie** (M.A. '87), who teaches at the Univ. of KS in Lawrence, KS, received her doctorate in French literature from NYU in 1996. ■ **Maria Misey** (M.A. '87) and David Kurt were married on June 29, 1996, in Milwaukee, WI. Maria teaches French at the Roycemore School in Evanston, IL. ■ **Elizabeth Molineaux** ('91) is a first grade teacher in Chatham, NJ. ■ The marriage of **Julie Nadler** (M.A. '92) and Peter Abramson took place on September 21. She teaches 6th and 7th grades at Bialik College in Melbourne, Australia. ■ Living in Manhattan, **Andrea Ormond** (M.A. '94) (andrea.ormond@btalexbrown.com) is a financial analyst at BT Alex Brown. ■ **Kay Barnes** (M.A. '95) won first prize in the *Kansas Quarterly* annual poetry contest and the Greater Dallas Writers Assoc. contest. She is translating the prose poetry of 20th-century French poet Jena-Marie Gleize. ■ **Gregory Leidner** (M.A. '96) (gleidner@dri.mgh.com) is youth director of the Marblehead-Swampscott (MA) chapter of United Synagogue Youth.

GERMAN

Don Ullmann (M.A. '72) (grandstrandman@juno.com) recently led a two-week trip to Germany for 10 students from Brookgreen Travel Institute (SC), where he teaches German. ■ **Marianna McKim** (M.A. '92) is the librarian for Germanic languages and literatures at Yale. She recently saw **John Welliver** (M.A. '92). ■ **Rebecca McNeil** (M.A. '94) and Douglas Goldstein were married August 10.

ITALIAN

Susan McDaniel (M.A. '70) has been named academic VP/provost of Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT. ■ Cindy and **James Schulman** (M.A. '92) (jmschulman@aol.com) celebrated July 4 with the birth of their daughter, Katherine Sara.

PHOTO CAPTION: **Carolyn Gengo** (M.A. Italian '94) and **Donald Di Domenico** (M.A. Spanish '95), who met at Middlebury in summer '94, were married at Middlebury in summer '97.

RUSSIAN

Fluency in Russian has enabled **Steven W. Block** (M.A. '85) to represent American companies in the former Soviet Union and to assist a Congressional Committee to negotiate elements of the Soviet-American Bilateral Maritime Agreement. Steven recently joined the Seattle law firm of Betts, Patterson & Mines. ■ The marriage of **Emily Hutton** ('88, '89) and Christopher Williams took place on May 24, 1997. The newlyweds live in Moscow.

SPANISH

As pastor of Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission in Pasadena, CA, and LAPD chaplain, **Jerome Costello** (M.A. '61) conducts services in English and Spanish. An ordained Eastern Orthodox priest, he is also an adjunct prof. of Hispanic church studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. ■ **David Foltz** (M.A. '63) (dafoltz@microserve.net) writes "My career really took off after receiving my Middlebury M.A. in 1963. Shortly afterward I went on to receive a Ph.D. from the Univ. of AZ in contemporary Latin American literature, and launched a career in higher education at Principia College (Elsah, IL), where I taught Spanish language and literature for 28 years. About 10 years ago, I moved on to the IN Univ. of PA, where I have been teaching undergraduate courses in language and literature, as well as serving as editor of the *Hispanic Journal*. I owe all of this to the solid foundation I received at the Middlebury Spanish Language Summer School. Love to hear from any fellow students and colleagues." ■ **Leticia Romanacce** (M.A. '67) (letty@jet.es) was appointed resident director of the DePaul Univ. Program in Madrid last September. ■ **Katherine McLane** (M.A. '74) and Edward McCarthy were married last August. Katherine is coordinator of English as a second language for the Manchester (NH) School District. ■ **Justyna Steuer Carlson** (M.A. '75) is president of Kappa Gamma Pi National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society. Justyna is an adjunct instructor of Spanish at MA College of Liberal Arts and Southern VT College. ■ **Maureen McCabe** (M.A. '76) is world language program adviser at Andover (MA) High School. ■ **Glenn Weidner** (M.A. '80), an Army Colonel, has been appointed a fellow at the Center for International Affairs, according to the *Harvard Univ. Gazette*. ■ Storyteller and poet **Catalina Rios** (M.A. '85) has had her written work featured in various anthologies and magazines. ■ **George M. Neri** (M.A. '90) (georgemn@aol.com) is a customer service rep in the credit card division of Marine Midland Bank. ■ **Lili Chamberlain** (M.A. '92) is teaching Spanish at Friends Academy in Dartmouth, MA. ■ **Molly Twichell** (M.A. '92) and Derick Perry were married on August 30 at the Thacher School outdoor chapel. At Thacher, Molly coaches volleyball and teaches Spanish, while Derick is an admissions officer, English teacher, and coach of basketball and track. Molly's Middlebury relatives include her father, Frederick (Terry) Twichell '59; her sister, Barbara Twichell McKeon '72; and her brother-in-law, Lewis McKeon '72. ■ **Barbara Connell** (M.A. '94) heads the foreign language dept. at Hebron Academy in ME. ■ **Jason Rossi** (M.A. '94) (jrossi@transper.com) is director of production at TransPerfect Translations, Inc., a foreign language translation company in Manhattan.

OBITUARIES

1920

ESTELLE J. FOOTE, 98, of Middlebury, VT, on October 15, 1997. Born in Cornwall, VT, she was one of the first women to receive an M.D. from UVM (1926), and served on the staff of Porter Hospital in Middlebury and Worcester (MA) Memorial Hospital. After 10 years in general practice, she passed her psychiatric boards and became a child psychologist, publishing a book, *Six Children*, in 1956. After retiring in 1963, she devoted herself to sewing and mending clothes for the needy. She was the author of *The Mending Manual* and a history of the Foote family in Cornwall. Predeceased by her three brothers (including Ralph A. Foote '17) and four sisters (including Kathleen Foote Carleton '11), Dr. Foote is survived by seven nieces and nephews (including Eleanor Foote Cartmell '31 and Pauline Carleton Steuer '40). Other Middlebury survivors include cousin Helen Easton Carpenter '33 and grandnephews Peter V. Foote '80, Richard P. Foote '80, and Lance V. Guglin '88.

1924

DONALD H. CRUIKSHANK, 95, of Cambridge, NY, on November 17, 1997. An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Cruikshank was a sales manager for Consolidated Edison in Westchester County for 38 years, retiring in 1968. Survivors include daughters Judy Neil and Nancy Perata; sons Donald Jr., William, and Gordon Cruikshank; 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

1925

DONALD R. BANKS, 93, of Millerton, NY, on September 30, 1997. He worked for the signal department of the NY Central Railroad for a year after graduation, then worked for the Otis Elevator Co. for 17 years. In 1942 he joined the Navy and served three years, reaching the rank of Lt. Commander. After managing a farm machinery company in Millerton, NY, he and wife Dorothy (Anderson) founded the Millerton Research Farm, where they raised and marketed laboratory animals for medical research. He retired in 1973. He served as class secretary for many years and was an outstanding supporter of the College. He was also active in many community affairs. Predeceased by his wife, he is survived by son Theodore, daughter Susan Lamb, and six grandchildren.

1927

JULIA B. AUSTIN, 92, of Barre, VT, on October 25, 1997. Miss Austin completed graduate studies at the Univ. of MA in Amherst, MA, Wellesley College, Tufts Univ., the College of William and Mary, UVM, the American Acadmey in Rome, and the Vergilian School in Cumae, Italy. She began her teaching career in 1927, retiring in 1970 from Spaulding High School in Barre. She received an Alumni Plaque for meritorious service to Middlebury College in 1977. Predeceased by her four brothers, Miss Austin is survived by a sister-in-law, a nephew, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

LUCILE NORTON GRIMES, 92, of Colchester, CT, on January 5, 1998. A medical technologist in Meriden Wallingford Hospital and Griffin Hospital in Derby, CT, Mrs. Grimes retired in 1976 as educational coordinator of the Meriden Wallingford Hospital Medical Lab Assistant Program. Predeceased by husband John Francis Grimes, she is survived by son Frank E. Grimes, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two brothers.

DAVID H. WILLIAMS, 91, of Manchester, CT, on December 25, 1997. He was employed as an underwriter with the Phoenix Fire Insurance Co. for many years, and retired from the Travelers Insurance Co. in 1971. A life member of Second Congregational Church in Manchester, he was also an avid gardener. Besides his wife, Gertrude, he is survived by son Alan D. Williams, daughter Mary Williams-Norton, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1929

KATHARYN E. PIERCE, 89, of Stuart, FL, on July 17, 1997. She did graduate work at Columbia University and was a personal secretary for 36 years. She later served as assistant administrator of the John E. Andrus Memorial Home for the Elderly in Hasting-on-Hudson, NY, retiring in 1976.

1930

JOHN H. STEARNS, 90, of Woodstock, VT, on November 20, 1997. Mr. Stearns spent his entire career with the Hartford (CT) National Bank, retiring as a trust officer in 1971. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Woodstock, where both have been active in civic affairs for many years. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Lucy N. Stearns; sons John H., Jr., and David W. Stearns; stepson James Standish; stepdaughter Janice Standish; five grandchildren, including Robert W. Stearns '81; and four great-grandchildren. Other Middlebury survivors are daughter-in-law Judith Phinney Stearns '56, niece Margaret Stearns Burdett '50; and great-nephews Douglas M. Burdett '87 and Bruce G. Burdett '74.

1931

CAROLINE BALMER THOMAS, 87, of Gorham, ME, on December 9, 1997. A teacher at Shady Hill School in Cambridge, MA, she studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and received a master's in education from Columbia Univ. She and her husband, Joseph S. Thomas, lived in NJ until moving to Scarborough, ME, in 1973. In 1978 she wrote a history of the First Congregational Church of Scarborough. Her husband of 64 years survives her, as do daughters Katharine Corbett, Sarah Turner, and Doris Bristol; a sister, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

1932

GEORGE B. OWEN, of Baldwin City, KS, on December 2, 1997. With degrees from Hartford (CT) Seminary (1936) and the Univ. of FL (1953), he was ordained in 1936 and served 60 years as a minister in churches in New England, FL, and aboard a Navy ship during World War II. He was also a part-time architectural adviser for church construction. His first wife, Marion (Jones), died in 1980. Second wife Esther (Bowles) survives him, as do son David Owen, stepsons Don and Bill Bowles, stepdaughters Cindy Parkinson and Priscilla Muttel, two grandchildren, 16 stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and 24 stepgreat-grandchildren.

1933

RALPH N. HUSE, 86, of Augusta, GA, on November 2, 1997. After a few years in personnel administration and industrial engineering, he entered the Army in 1942 and served in both the U.S. and overseas during World War II and the Vietnam War. He was a graduate of the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, KS, and the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA. He was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services and served on the Joint Task Force ONE, which conducted atomic bomb testing at Bikini Atoll. He retired from the service as a colonel in 1966, and became personnel director of SCOPE Electronics in Reston, VA, until 1973. Survivors include his wife, Beverly (Batterson), daughter Martha Atkinson, a sister, and three grandchildren.

1933

HARRIET DOUGLAS SEELYE, 87, of Paxton, MA, on November 22, 1997. She received an M.A. in French from Middlebury (1934). In 1936, she and Laurens C. Seelye '35 were married by Middlebury President Paul D. Moody in Bristol, VT. In Worcester, MA, Mrs. Seelye was active in the Alliance Française, the YWCA, and the Junior League, as well as serving as president of the Worcester Employment Society. In Paxton, she served on the advisory board of the Women's College of Clark Univ. Predeceased by her husband in 1992, she leaves son Walter C. Seelye II '63, daughter Mary "Polly" Seelye Meltzer '60, sister Dorothy Douglas Purdy '22, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and nephew Stuart D. Purdy '59. Her late parents, William J. and Mary Dunshee Douglas, graduated from Middlebury in 1893; her late brother, Stuart D. Douglas, in 1919; and her late brother-in-law, William H. Purdy, in 1926.

1936

RICHARD DEMPEWOLFF, 83, of Henryville, PA, on December 30, 1997. Survivors include wife Rita (Fitzpatrick), daughter Judith Ann Dempewolff, two grandchildren, and a brother. An extended memorial appears on page 74.

ELWOOD A. HOXIE, 84, of Hingham, MA, on November 17, 1997. While at Middlebury, he was named Small College All-American Football Player. During the 1936 game with Tufts, he kicked a 48-yard field goal, a record that held for 50 years. He received a master's degree from the London School of Economics in 1937. During World War II he worked at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, then became a manufacturer's representative of United Steel of Battle Creek, MI, a position he held until retiring in 1983. He was very active in

civic affairs in Hingham. Husband of the late Priscilla (Nickerson), he leaves daughter Gail H. Brown, son John N. Hoxie, and five grandchildren.

1937

ROBERT I. MORGAN, 82, of Desert Hot Springs, CA, on August 20, 1997. A retired Army major, he was an electronics engineer in civil service from 1954 to 1965 at Point Mugu and from 1965 to 1975 at Vandenberg Air Force Base. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rites. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Beryl (Williams); sons Daryl C., Adrian S., and Peter R. Morgan; and four grandchildren.

1938

JAMES A. MINER, 81, of Levittown, NY, on December 12, 1997. He reached the rank of major in the Army during World War II, after which he completed his legal education at New York Law School in 1946. He practiced law in Mineola until his retirement in 1983. Active in the First Presbyterian Church of Levittown for 44 years, Mr. Miner was also instrumental in forming many of the Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops in his community. His many services to Middlebury included chairing 55th Reunion with wife Florence. In addition to his wife of 55 years, Florence Hulme Miner '38, he is survived by son James A., Jr.; daughters Stephanie Koenig and Mary Grace Summergrad; five grandchildren, including Jesse D. Koenig '99; and brother Frederick. Other Middlebury survivors include niece Constance Miner Hawley '64 and nephew Daniel F. Miner '62. He was predeceased by brother Thomas D. Miner '32.

1941

GEORGE M. CLARK, JR., 80, of Hackensack, NJ, on September 17, 1997. A member of Theta Chi, he served in the Navy from 1942 to 1944. His business career in New York City was with Clark & Gibby, Inc., office furniture, of which he was president and CEO at retirement. Mr. Clark is survived by wife Edna and sons Kenneth and Douglas Clark.

NELSON R. EASTON, 77, of Indianapolis, IN, on November 3, 1997. A distinguished research scientist, he received a Ph.D. from the Univ. of IL in 1946. His professional career included employment with Merck & Co., J.T. Baker Chemical Co., and Eli Lilly & Co., as well as a teaching appointment in organic chemistry at Lehigh Univ. At retirement in 1982, he was executive director of research and VP of Eli Lilly in Indianapolis. He was the author of 64 scientific publications and held 26 patents. Dr. Easton was a member of Kappa Delta Rho, the American Chemical Society, and was listed in *American Men of Science*. In 1944 he married Anne J. Maureen, who died in 1985. In 1989, he married Mabel L. Voyles, who survives him, as do son N. Roy Easton, Jr., granddaughter Elizabeth, sister Penelope, brothers Frank, Jr., and Roger '43, two stepchildren, and eight step-grandchildren.

1943

MARJORIE TOMLINSON REYNARD, 76, of St. Petersburg, FL, on September 19, 1997. A head receptionist at Honeywell Aerospace in Washington, DC, she worked there for 25 years. She moved to St. Petersburg in 1955. Survivors include her husband, Harlie D. Reynard, son H. David Reynard, Jr., a brother, and two grandchildren.

1944

DORA HETHERSTON MURPHY, 74, of Mercer Island, WA, on December 11, 1997. A 40-year resident of Mercer Island, Mrs. Murphy was active in environmental concerns, ran a day-care center, was a guide at the Univ. of WA Arboretum's Japanese Garden and Native Plants collection, and taught primary school students about Northwest Indian uses of native plants. In the 1940s, she advocated civil rights and taught methods of non-violent social change for the Committee on Racial Equality. Predeceased by husband Robert W. Murphy in 1995, she is survived by sons Alan M. and Dale D. Murphy '81.

1945

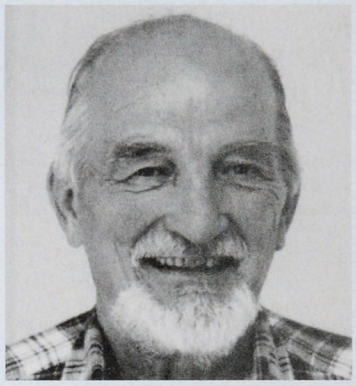
HAROLD T. MCDONALD, JR., 73, of Darien, CT, on September 9, 1997. His pre-med studies at Middlebury and Fordham were interrupted by World War II. After serving in the Navy, he received his M.D. from New York Medical College in 1950. He was most recently on the staff of Ellenville (NY) Community Hospital.

MALCOLM H. SMITH, 73, of Harwich, MA, on November 13, 1997. Leaving Middlebury to join the Merchant Marines during World War II, he earned an engineering degree in 1948 from Swarthmore College. Mr. Smith was president of H. Clayton Smith Co. in New York City until his retirement and moved to Harwich in 1994. For many years he was active in civic organizations in Tarrytown, NY. Besides his wife of 49 years, Margaret (Comfort), he is sur-

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT E. REUMAN '41

February 16, 1923 - August 29, 1997



Along with most men of the class of '44, I was drafted in June '43, only I went in as a conscientious objector." So begins Bob Reuman's 50th Reunion autobiography. "For six months I fought forest fires in Oregon, then worked two and one-half years as an attendant on the violent ward of a large mental hospital in Philly, and as an occasional guinea pig in medical experiments." His pacifist beliefs propelled him to protest when the first peacetime military conscription act passed in 1948. "I felt the need to protest the increasing militarization of America. That led to a sentence at Danbury, which was quite an experience."

Despite all this, he received his Ph.D. in philosophy in '49 and went on to teach at the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, and Colby College.

Reuman met his future wife, Dorothy, in 1947 at a postwar reconstruction work camp in the French area famous for saving 5,000 Jewish children during the Nazi occupation. After their marriage in 1949, they worked in China for two years with the Friends Ambulance Unit. Quakerism was the religion and philosophy by which they lived. For another two years, they directed the Quaker Student House in Freiburg, Germany. After the Berlin Wall went up, Reuman was there as Quaker International Affairs Rep to help "reduce warlike tensions in that incendiary area."

During his 35-year tenure at Colby College, he inspired generations of students through his teaching of philosophy, especially ethics, social, and political philosophy, and nonviolence and conflict resolution. True to form, he completed several pieces of work in his last days—setting out a new lily garden and installing a new hardwood floor on his house at Cape Split, Maine. ■

vived by son Malcolm "Skip" Smith, Jr., daughters Linda C. Stone and Karen C. Smith, and five grandchildren.

1946

Alice L. Bull, 73, of Fincastle, VA, on November 18, 1997. After teaching nine years at Wellesley, Miss Bull joined the faculty of Hollins College (Roanoke, VA) and retired after 33 years as professor of biology in 1990. She held a master's in zoology from Mount Holyoke (1945) and a Ph.D. from Yale (1953). Her speciality field was genetic research. She is survived by her brother, William J. Bull, a niece, a step-niece, and a step-nephew.

Faith Weber Frase, 73, of Nashville, TN, on October 17, 1997, of cancer. After several years of secretarial work, she obtained a degree in education from the Bank Street College of Education in Greenwich Village and taught in Yonkers and Westport, NY. Following her 1956 marriage to John Frase, she taught in Madison, WI, and later did bookkeeping in Nashville, TN, where her husband taught at George Peabody College. She is survived by husband John M. Frase, two brothers, and sons Charles F., Gerrit, and David Frase.

1948

Virginia A. Carabillo, 71, of Los Angeles, CA, on October 28, 1997, of lung cancer. She became involved in feminist causes 30 years ago, when she joined NOW and helped create chapters around the state of California. She served as president of the L.A. chapter and as national VP and board member, also co-editing NOW's national publications. She was co-owner of an L.A. graphic arts company, which published *Feminist Chronicles, 1953-1993*, a textbook for college-level women's studies courses, and *The Feminization of Power* (1988). She was a major fundraiser and organizer for the Equal Rights Amendment ratification campaign in the early 1980s and she was one of the organizers in 1989 of the Feminist Majority, an organization to encourage the empowerment of women. Survivors include her life partner of 30 years, Judith Meuli.

1949

Wayne G. Austin, 80, of East Middlebury, VT, on May 25, 1997. Receiving a preacher's license at the age of 16, he served the Addison Community Church and Panton Baptist Church while studying at Middlebury. With a degree from Boston Univ. School of Theology, he served several churches in MA and VT. While serving the Plainville (MA) Methodist Church, he attended freedom marches in Boston with Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1954 he became pastor in Brandon, VT, and also served as chaplain to the Brandon Training School. He retired from full-time ministry in Hinesburg, VT, in 1984, but continued part time at the Hancock-Granville United Church until 1995. He is survived by wife Elizabeth; daughters Jan Rathbun, Nancie Austin-Bradley, and Gail Wyman; and 11 foster children.

1951

Natalie Child Howard, 68, of Rye, NH, on November 11, 1997. Married in 1953 to Alden H. Howard, they lived in Marblehead before moving to Rye in 1978. Mr. Howard died in 1995. Mrs. Howard was an avid skier and a member of the Vorlage Ski Club of Wellesley and Woodstock, VT, and an active participant in the programs of VT Adaptive Ski and Sports, Northeast Passage Barrier Free Recreation, and Windrush Farm Therapeutic Equitation. Survivors include daughters Joanne Landry and Connie Guyette, son John Howard, a sister, and seven grandchildren.

1953

John W. M. Clark, 67, of Warren, RI, on October 26, 1997. He suffered from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Mr. Clark was a stockbroker with Paine Webber and other firms and a salesman for Sorensen Research. He served in the Korean War as a Naval aviator with the Marine Corps. In 1990, he retired from the RI Army National Guard at the rank of master sergeant. An award-winning builder of half-hull model boats, he was also a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club and climbed all 65 of the 4,000-foot mountains in New England as of last August. Survivors include wife Marian (Jewett); sons John, Jr., Thomas, and Robert; daughter Valerie Dutra; stepson Tad Jose; stepdaughter Sarah Rhuda; and six grandchildren.

1955

Patricia A. Fletcher, 63, of Pine Plains, NY, on November 26, 1997. After receiving an M.A. at Teacher's College of Columbia, Miss Fletcher taught in California for a time before taking teaching positions in the Azores, Iran, and Singapore, with many travels interspersed. She was an elementary school teacher in Pine Plains for more than 25 years before retiring in 1995. Survivors include an aunt, a brother, and a sister.

1966

Virginia Neely Jackson, 52, of Fayetteville, AK, on November 25, 1997, following a long illness. She served in the Peace Corps in Senegal and was active in the Civil Rights movement in AL in the '60s. With an M.A. in political science and an M.F.A. in comparative literature (Univ. of AR), she taught Latin at Rogers High School in Atlanta and was an employee of Ozark Guidance Center. She transcribed life stories and published biographies through her own company, "I remember." She was also a member of the Ozark Poets and Writers Collective, as well as the Ozark Highlands Trail Assoc. Survivors include children Keefe Neely Jackson and Margaret Elizabeth Eve Jackson, three brothers, and two sisters.

1967

John F. Rogers, 52, of Richmond, VA, on November 28, 1997. Dr. Rogers was president and physician director of Prompt Care Medical Center in Charlottesville, a member of the Albemarle County Medical Society, Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics, and Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He completed his residency in pediatrics at the Univ. of VA and served as general medical officer and chief of staff with the Indian Health Service Hospital in Pine Ridge, SD. Survivors include wife Muriel Brine Rogers '67, sons Noah and Joshua Rogers, his parents, and a sister.

1979

Sherrill Sanderson Smith, 40, of New Canaan, CT, on November 25, 1997, of cancer. At Middlebury, she was a member of an NCAA championship ski team. In NYC, she worked as a director with MTV and as an assistant treasurer with Bankers Trust Corp. She was active with the New Canaan Soccer Assoc. and local cancer charities. She and her husband belonged to the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, the Stanwich Club, the Country Club of New Canaan, and the Winter Club. Survivors include husband Richard R.S. Smith, mother Caralie Childs Hansen, daughters Hadley V. and Jennison C. Smith, son Richard S. Smith, and two brothers.

1997

John J. Leach IV, 23, of Old Forge, NY, on October 5, 1997, from injuries suffered in a mountain climbing accident in Wyoming. The accident occurred while Mr. Leach was en route from a summer of training in Anchorage, AK, to Bates College in Lewiston, ME, where he had been appointed Nordic ski coach. Born in Saranac Lake, NY, he graduated from Stratton Mountain School before entering Middlebury, where he was a four-year qualifier for the NCAA Ski Championships and was named to the All-Eastern ski team on three occasions. He is survived by his parents, John and Pam Leach; his sister, Jennifer Leach; his maternal grandparents and a paternal grandmother, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Language Schools

1940

Rosa Stimpert Willibrand, M.A. French, of Norman, OK, on October 24, 1997. She taught French and Spanish in Kenosha, WI, and Norman, OK, retiring in 1970.

1961

William K. Wakefield, M.A. Spanish, 65, of West Hurley, NY, on October 20. 1997. He taught at Onteora Central School for 26 years, chairing the foreign language department. His wife, Marilyn Wakefield (M.A. French '74), survives.

1962

Bernard S. Hawrylo, M.A. French, 70, of Stroudsburg, PA, on October 1, 1997. He taught French at East Stroudsburg Univ. from 1964 until retiring in 1988.

1966

Brother James Bonilla, M.A. Spanish, 60, of Oakdale, NY, on October 17, 1997. Brother James was president and headmaster of LaSalle Military Academy in Oakdale, L.I.; served as executive director of St. Gabriel's Hall, Audubon, PA; and was principal of Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Clinton Hill, NY, at the time of his death.

1967

James R.F. Quirk, M.A. German, 50, of Alexandria, LA, on February 23, 1997. He was a prof. of computer science at LA State Univ.

1968

Lisa Loeb, M.A. Italian, of Jamaica Plain, MA, on November 16, 1997, of cancer. She taught Italian and Spanish at various MA high schools, most recently at Medford. She also volunteered as a Spanish interpreter with a doctors' group dispensing free care to people in the mountains of Honduras.

1971

Laura S. Moyer, M.A. English, 50, of Broadalbin, NY, on October 30, 1997, from injuries sustained in an October 10 auto accident. She taught English at Estee Middle School and Gloversville High School.

1978

Jeff L. Salak, M.A. German, 41, of Schuyler, NE, on June 26, 1997.

Faculty

Mary Louise Minor Lee, 92, of Pemaquid Point, ME, and Kihei Maui, HI, on December 28, 1997. An early participant in the introduction of modern dance to the American theatre, Mrs. Lee organized Middlebury's student Modern Dance Club, which staged popular performances for 20 years. As a member of the Middlebury faculty, she taught in both the physical education and fine arts departments; during World War II, she assisted in the physics department. Her collection of percussion instruments for dance accompaniment has been presented to Middlebury College for exhibition and for use in productions in the Center for the Arts. For many years she and her husband, W. Storrs Lee '28, divided their time between Hawaii and Maine. Mrs. Lee was also a linguist (German, French, Spanish, and Hawaiian languages) and was involved in the written language of dance movement known as Labanotation. She is survived by her husband and sons William Storrs Lee IV and Ralph Minor Lee, as well as three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

John Anderson, 65, of Palm Coast, FL, on January 14, 1998, of a heart attack. A 1954 graduate of Ursinus College, Coach Anderson led Middlebury College to its last undefeated football season in 1972. The Panthers improved steadily during his tenure, achieving an 8-0-0 record in 1972. His record at Middlebury from 1969 to 1972 was 21-11-0.

After four years as head football coach at Middlebury, he moved to Brown, where the Bruins had experienced eight consecutive losing seasons. He turned the Brown program around, recording eight winning seasons from 1973 to 1980. His 1976 team captured Brown's only Ivy League football championship, with an 8-1 overall record and a 6-1 Ivy record.

Anderson, who was succeeded at Middlebury by Coach Mickey Heinecken, compiled a 60-39-3 overall record at Brown before leaving for the New England Institute of Technology. He moved to Florida in 1984 to direct the school's Palm Beach program, retiring about two years ago.

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD F. DEMPEWOLFF '36

October 30, 1914 - December 30, 1997

Dick Dempewolff joins Rear Admiral Richard Byrd on an Antarctic expedition in 1955.

Richard Dempewolff honed his skills as a writer and editor with positions on the *Literary Digest*, *Newsweek*, and *True* and *Pic* magazines, with a three-year tour as a roving correspondent and technical editor for the U.S. Navy during World War II.

When he became eastern editor of *Popular Mechanics* in 1949, he set off on a lifetime of world travels, writing about modes of transportation as diverse as supertankers, nuclear submarines, and military transports to Indian elephants, small planes into Venezuelan jungles covering gold rushes, and donkey rides to hidden ruins.

At the invitation of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, he joined the Antarctic expedition "Operation Deepfreeze" in 1955, to produce a series of articles on the South Polar continent and preparations for the International Geophysical Year (1957-58). While there he remembered his former Middlebury professor Bruno Schmidt, sending him a box of geological specimens collected on the slopes of Mt. Erebus and the mountains of the Royal Society range. In 1961, he did another series of articles on Antarctica, also producing a motion picture while living under the ice with scientific crews at the South Pole and Byrd Bases.

After serving as editor of *Science Digest* from 1967 to 1974, he took early retirement to travel the world with wife Rita and continue his writing career. He was the author of seven books and hundreds of articles, many of which were included in well-known anthologies; his collected letters are housed at the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming. He received numerous editorial and publishing awards and maintained memberships in professional publishing, editing, and writing associations, as well as the Overseas and National Press Clubs.

Fifty years after graduation he wrote to his classmates: "My gratitude to Middlebury for the discipline it instilled is boundless." ■

ALUMNI CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

26 Alumni Ski Team Reunion, *Middlebury*
26 Faculty Lecture, Prof. Glenn Andres, *Greenwich*
28 Ice Skating/Lunch/Evening Gathering, *Boston*
28 Ice Hockey/Pre-game Tailgate Party, *Los Angeles*
28 Snow Shoeing/Hot Cider, *Middlebury*

MARCH

6-8 Alumni Ski Patrol Reunion, *Middlebury*
9 Advancing Women/International Careers, *Middlebury*
19 Theatre Night, *Boston*
24 Opera Night/Romeo and Juliet, *NYC*
24 Skiing/Après Ski Reception, *Jackson Hole*
27 Skiing/Après Ski Reception, *Aspen*
28 Skiing/Après Ski Reception, *Vail*

APRIL

8 Chapter/Admissions Receptions, *NYC & Boston*
8 Faculty Lecture, Prof. Pardon Tillinghast, *Boston*
9 Chapter/Admissions Receptions, *Baltimore, Portland (ME), & Burlington*
14 Chapter/Admissions Receptions, *Los Angeles & Atlanta*
14 Alumnae Lacrosse Game, *Middlebury*
15 Chapter/Admissions Receptions, *San Francisco, Philadelphia, & Fairfield County*
16 Chapter/Admissions Receptions, *Seattle, DC, & Hartford*
21 Chapter/Admissions Reception, *Denver*
22 Chapter/Admissions Receptions, *Northern NJ & Minneapolis*
23 Chapter/Admissions Receptions, *Chicago & Westchester Co.*

JUNE

13-23 Alumni Tour, Po River in Italy, Prof. John Hunisak

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CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

About 40 Middlebury alums showed up one morning last April at the home of a charming 68-year-old woman in Washington, D.C. They swarmed all over her small home and, with direction from Lee Bray, husband of Diana Bray '82, began repairing and painting, gutting and replacing various aspects of her home. The volunteers, ranging from the class of '59 to the class of '96.5, planted 10 flower beds, resodded the front lawn, dug a drainage ditch, painted the entire interior of the house (about 2,500 square feet), replastered areas affected by water damage, replaced a false ceiling, cleaned and generally spruced up the place.

The homeowner was thrilled with the work. She said in all her life she had never experienced such an outpouring of good will. What was this troop of Middlebury volunteers? Meet the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Middlebury College Alumni Association. They were participating for the seventh consecutive year in "Christmas in April," an event sponsored by an organization that helps members of the community rehabilitate the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and disabled, so they can continue to live independently in warm, safe homes.

Special thanks went to Eric Carter '95, who secured food donations from a variety of local restaurants so the volunteers would be well nourished for the day's work; and to Matt Hamilton '95 and Steve Schrodel '92 who coordinated the D.C. chapter's participation.

The D.C. Alumni chapter is looking for volunteers for next year's Christmas-in-April project. Particularly needed are volunteers with organizational and administrative skills to coordinate the chapter's efforts in rehabilitating a home, and those with carpentry or restoration skills (although volunteers without these skills are also a tremendous asset). Last but not least, financial donations are needed. The organization asks participating groups to raise at least $1,500 to secure a home for rehabilitation. Last year, the chapter raised $1,700 through the generous donations of area alumni. To get involved, contact Matt Hamilton '95 at (202) 338-2793. Christmas can come more than once a year! ■

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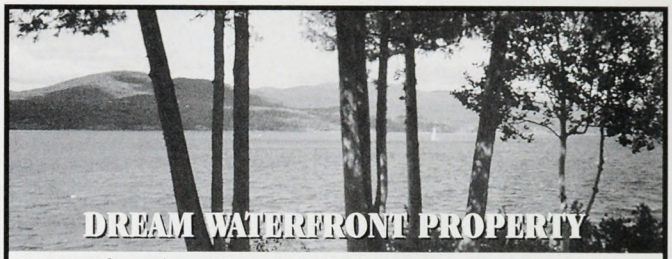

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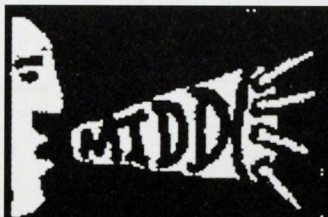

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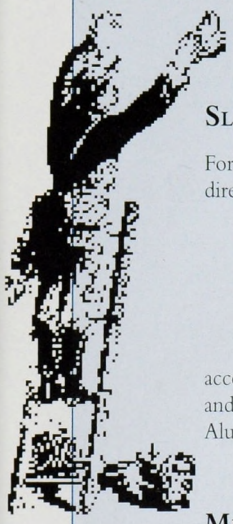

Slate of MCAA Nominees for 1998

For the term of office beginning July 1, 1996, the slate of nominees for alumni trustee and for director on the Board of Directors of the Middlebury College Alumni Association is:

Alumni Trustee: Michael C. Obel-Omia '88

Alumni Director: Denver G. Edwards '88
Rawson W. Hubbell '85
Robert J. North '66
Jean B. Seeler '60

Additional names for the ballot must be received by March 1. Included must be a letter of acceptance signed by the nominee, updated biographical information, a photo of the nominee, and 200 signatures endorsing the nominee. Please send this information to: Alumni Office, Kirk Alumni Center, Middlebury College, Middlebury VT 05753. Thank you.

The Alumni Office

Midwinter Annual Fund Update

The Annual Fund needs your help! Our goal is to raise $4.7 million by the end of the fiscal year, June 30. The midwinter reports show $2.8 million raised—a terrific response so far! But we still have a challenge ahead of us to meet our ambitious goal. EVERY GIFT COUNTS, so please make your Annual Fund commitment today.

Mary MacArthur Wendell '69
Thomas J. Kovach, Jr. '92
Co-Chairs, Annual Fund Executive Council

Join the Bicentennial Run

In September 1998, we will commemorate the origins of Middlebury College by retracing the route from New Haven, Connecticut, to Middlebury, Vermont, taken by Timothy Dwight, president of Yale College, on his journey to Middlebury in September 1798, to discuss a new college with town leaders. Beginning in New Haven on Friday, September 11, small teams of alumni, faculty, staff, students, and parents will be running segments of the route on Saturday and Sunday of the following three weekends, ending in Middlebury on Saturday, September 26, 1998.

We encourage you to sign up now, to run (not race), carrying Gamaliel Painter's cane as a baton in this symbolic celebration. We also welcome volunteers from the Middlebury family who live along the route to lend a hand, to support the runners and cheer them on. More details will follow in a mailing to alumni in New England. For more information or to sign up to run or to help, contact Mona Meyers Wheatley '56, director of bicentennial planning, at (802) 443-2000.

Literacy Project

This fall Middlebury College kicked off its efforts to promote literacy and reading in Addison County and beyond with Page 1, a Bicentennial literacy program. The project aims to support local literacy and reading services through book donations and student, staff, and faculty volunteerism.

This initiative is part of a three-year project leading up to the kick-off of Middlebury's Bicentennial service project in January 2000. At that time, alumni around the country and the world will join the College's efforts, volunteering and donating books to promote reading and literacy in their own communities.

The College is seeking alumni to serve as regional volunteer leaders of Page 1. These volunteers will be invited to Alumni Leadership Conference on Sept. 18-20, 1998, at Bread Loaf to plan the outreach effort to alumni. The results of Page 1 will be announced at the Bicentennial celebration in November 2000. For more information about Page 1 or serving as a volunteer leader, please contact Mona Meyers Wheatley '56, director of bicentennial planning, at 802-443-2000 or Mona.Meyers.Wheatley@middlebury.edu.

President's Perspective

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College will be an inclusive community is a work in progress. Vermont, long one of the more progressive states in attitude, is in fact one of the least diverse. This increases the challenge to Middlebury to make our community more reflective of the cultural and racial profile of the world our students will enter upon graduation. In comparison to more urban colleges, we also do not have as large a percentage of Jewish alumni, or of African-Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans.

Our alumni serve as exemplars of the Middlebury experience. By encouraging bright students from their communities to come to Middlebury, our alumni help to enlarge the Middlebury network in those communities. They also demonstrate to society at large that policies of inclusivity can have incalculable long-term benefits. Middle-bury's Board of Trustees and I, as College president, are committed to strengthening the College by advancing the goals of racial, religious, and international diversity in our students and faculty, and we look to our alumni, parents, and friends to help make further progress possible. ■

On Line: Overheard on Middtalk

Michael Hartt '01
<hartt@panther.middlebury.edu>
asks MiddTalkers about old Middlebury "traditions." A small selection from among the many and varied responses:

*D8 at Freshman weekend at Bread Loaf campus
*Slug's Mudball Game
*Parties in the Slug Barn
*Dean "Thumper" Thurber
*Bruce Carroll's dogs
*The TC fire (Winter '68)
*Dog Team sticky buns
*Bielle's 0800 math class in the snow bowl bus
<rvomacka@usa.net>
Rick Vomacka '68 ***(Rick Vomacka '68)***

>Michael Hart writes in as an interested Midd freshman who is looking for some roots, some of the ghosts that wore down the slate steps of Forest or etched the grafitti up in the carillon tower or up in Mead Chapel. Striving to show belonging through a common song or flag is a superficial fix for something that only time can rebuild. There is no hurry Mr. Hart, by the time you come back next year, or at least by the time you graduate, you will have worn down some of the slate too, which may be more important than reinstating the Green Mountain Run or even leading the charge to bring back the fraternities.
<bpatch@eu.dlj.com>
(Ben Patch '89)

Robin Hood Daze at Sig Ep
The DU beach party during J-term
The KDR Pig Roast (best to go straight to this covered with mud after Robin Hood Daze)
Class of '94 started a bonfire on the field in front of McCullough & naked graduation — did that survive?
Casino Night
Singing the Midd Fight Song standing behind goal at hockey games
Does setting off fire alarms in Battel for every freshman class count as tradition?
Canoe luge during Winter Carnival (when there's more snow than mud)
Passing Gamaliel Painter's cane at the inception of our college careers
The singing of "Gamaliel Painter's Cane" at Homecoming, with older alums rapping with their own canes.
rstewart@fire.law.tulane.edu
(Roberta J. Stewart '95)

>I hate to be a cold rain again, but isn't "trying to create traditions" a contradiction in terms? No one decided that "Hail to the Chief" should be a tradition; it began, if I recall some of my history correctly without cheating and going to a book, by a First Lady in an early administration because the President was so short that guests would fail to notice him as he entered the dining room or other receiving rooms of the White House. It is just that if college students can do anything spontaneously anymore it should be to start something that others continue to do because it is fun. Who started the stupid freshmen beenie "tradition"; gee, some traditions hang on long after they are fun simply because they are "traditional." Good riddance to that one, I say. I don't know where I am going on this except that in a generation that seems left out of so much good stuff— the music sucks, sex is unsafe, and puritanical waves are sweeping across the land on every front—are students now trying to manufacture stuff to feel like there is a link to the good ol days? Or does the administration actually believe they must do everything for these kids? I think, to steal a verse from Merle Haggard, "the goods times ain't over for good" and students should just do stuff and the good things will linger to the next year and become, as they get repeated spontaneously, "traditions."
Farns1@ix.netcom.com
(Robert Farnsworth '65)

>Do you still have broomball during Carnival?
Traying down Mead Hill?
Classes on the Rock in front of Gifford?
Midnight breakfast during exams?
I was there during the change in drinking age and the last years of the fraternities. I too found many of the fraternity traditions fun— the parties and especially the community involvement.

I agree that the College handled the fraternities poorly; however, for those of you who no longer give to Middlebury simply because of it, I ask you to consider designating your gift instead. How about to the team you played for, the department you loved best, or to keep the dorms as nice as they were? Surely the positives of your time at Middlebury outweigh the negatives. Your support makes sure that Middlebury, despite its faults and mistakes, continues to be the type of place that we can be proud of and that will continue to have a connected, active alumni base.
STyahla@challenger.org
(Suzy (Chambers) Tyahla '90)

>I have the oddest sensation, reading about all these "Midd traditions" which I never even heard of, much less participated in. It's as if I attended a different school entirely. Anyone else out there who never set foot in a frat?
bi103@scn.org ***(Beth Sandel '79)***

>I'm not exactly sure why this newbie posted this message. Maybe it's an alumnus in guise trying to stir up this list. And in the stirring up, it's amazing how everybody truly seems to be on the same page. They left Middlebury with enough pegs to hang their memories and order their lives. The tradition most important to them? That the college not change. That it remain the same as it was the day they left. The cliché is: nothing can remain the same. But of all our institutions, educational ones can betray this the most. Surely there are developments in science. But so much of what we study in school has been written down decades, even centuries before. What's new is the filtration system we employ. Not really the system. Maybe the appropriate cliché is: the more things change, the more they stay the same. Or as David Byrne put it, "same as it ever was." All I can say is I want something to believe in. I can believe in the endurance test of Middlebury. I can believe in the friends I made there. The tradition most important to me is when I look in college guides and see my alma mater is still in business, and still at the top of the selectivity index.
<lefsetz@pacificnet.net>
(Bob Lefsetz'74) ■

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EDUCATED OPINION

By Amy Starr '97

MY ROOM, MY SELF

Since my freshman year, the thing I have hated most about Middlebury has been the process of packing up my room at the end of spring semester. There is something disconcerting about dismantling a place where you spent nine months of your life. At one point everything in the room is there, as if it's been there forever: the poster across from your bed, the loft you and your roommate built, the familiar spot just above your desk where you stare in an effort to bend your mind around an assignment. Then, suddenly, this room is completely bereft of anything personal. The first time you saw it this way, standing nervous on the threshold of your first year, all you could see was potential.

Somehow I was never able to look at my bare room after that and see potential for the next year and the next inhabitant. Instead, I felt cheated that nine months of my life could be seemingly erased in just a few hours. Over the summer, when I would get pictures developed and see that room, I would feel nostalgic—almost mournful—as though I were wearing a favorite shirt that I had lost after the picture was taken.

And yet at the end of every year, we know our time is up. In that sense, we are no different than any other class that passes through this place. That may be the most painful realization graduation brings: that we are, indeed, transitory here. As much as these four years have meant to us and changed us, the same senior-week events and the same graduation routine have taken place this year as last year and the year before.

I remember sitting in this chapel during first-year orientation. I was staring at the empty room of my life and arranging the furniture in my mind, certain that I knew the best way to decorate it. I thought I had it figured out then: what I would major in, what my career would be, where I would live. But somehow the furniture wasn't the size that I thought it was, and the pictures meant to make me feel at home only reminded me of the growing difference between the person I was and the person I was becoming. I had to cross the threshold of my Middlebury experience in order to discover the best way to fill and arrange that room. I couldn't realize the best arrangement without the help of my friends, family, and professors. But the most significant discovery came when I realized that Middlebury was not a place to fine-tune the details of my future, it was a place that would fine-tune me.

And so here we stand, on the threshold of yet another empty room. Despite all of the questions we have as to how that room will be filled, we know that our experience at Middlebury has given us what we need to fill it. We have the essentials—walls, a floor, a ceiling, a door that connects us to the world, and windows that keep us from losing sight of what is outside of ourselves. But Middlebury has also provided us with the finer details of life: how to make someone laugh, how to listen, how to love someone who is far away, how to ask questions, and, perhaps more important, how to search for the answers. For here at Middlebury, we have been given the tools with which to seek the answers to the deepest questions our lives raise. Sometimes the answers won't be found unless the room is stripped bare and we see it the way it was before those questions arose. Then we're forced to consider those who came before us and those who will come after us.

Upon returning to Middlebury each fall, I have had a hard time dealing with the fact that someone else was living in the room I lived in the year before. Yet, it's comforting to know that those walls may witness monumental changes in someone's life other than mine, because it's not just any random someone, it's a fellow Middlebury someone. When we empty our dorm rooms for the last time as Middlebury students, we may feel insignificant to this place. But we are embedded in the heart of this college, like the initials carved deep into the desks and walls of most of the rooms on this campus. Both individually and as a class, we have left our mark on Middlebury College, and that mark will live in the memories of those who follow us and in the many ways their Middlebury experiences will be different because we were here. ■

Amy Starr is a first-year student at Princeton Theological Seminary.

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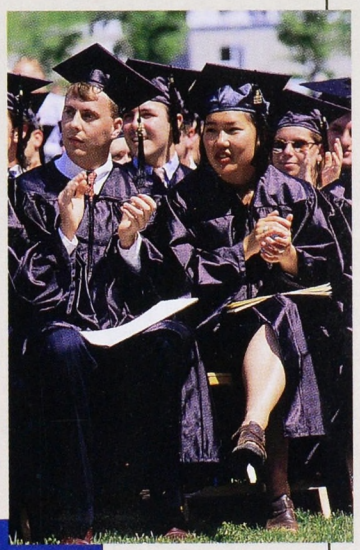

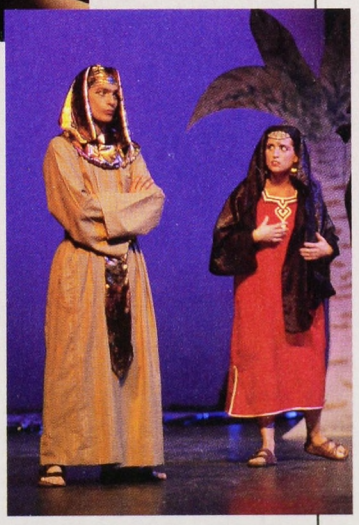

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